

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 20-0513
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: President Scott, Councilmembers Burnett, Middleton, Pinkett, Henry, Stokes,
Reisinger, Bullock, Costello, McCray, Clarke, Cohen, Schleifer, Dorsey, Sneed

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Assigned to: Health Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: Health Department, Office of Civil Rights, Mayor's
Office of Emergency Management, Mayor's Office of Innovation, Baltimore City Information
Technology

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Health Emergencies – Data Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Health Commissioner, during the pendency of a declared health
4 emergency, to publish certain aggregate data on the City's website regarding Baltimore City
5 residents diagnosed with an infectious disease and those City residents who have died from
6 that infectious disease; requiring that the published data be disaggregated by race, gender,
7 age, and zip code; and providing for a special effective date.

8 BY adding

9 Article - Health
10 Section(s) 4-104
11 Baltimore City Revised Code
12 (Edition 2000)

13 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
14 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

15 **Baltimore City Revised Code**

16 **Article – Health**

17 **Title 4. Disease Control**

18 **Subtitle 1. General Provisions**

19 **§ 4-104. HEALTH EMERGENCY – DATA REPORTING.**

20 (A) *SCOPE.*

21 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION ONLY APPLY IF:

22 (1) EITHER:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (I) THE GOVERNOR HAS ISSUED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A
2 CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3A OF
3 THE STATE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE {"GOVERNOR'S HEALTH EMERGENCY
4 POWERS"}; OR

5 (II) THE MAYOR HAS ISSUED AN ORDER OR PROCLAMATION DECLARING A
6 STATE OF EMERGENCY UNDER § 14-111 {"LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY"}
7 OF THE STATE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE;

8 (2) THE ORDER OR PROCLAMATION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION
9 IS IN EFFECT; AND

10 (3) THE ORDER OR PROCLAMATION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION
11 WAS ISSUED AS THE RESULT OF AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE OUTBREAK.

12 (B) *REPORTING.*

13 (1) *IN GENERAL.*

14 UTILIZING AVAILABLE DATA, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PUBLISH DAILY REPORTS ON
15 THE CITY'S WEBSITE INDICATING:

16 (I) THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF BALTIMORE CITY RESIDENTS DIAGNOSED WITH
17 THE INFECTIOUS DISEASE UNDERLYING THE EMERGENCY DESCRIBED IN
18 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; AND

19 (II) THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF BALTIMORE CITY RESIDENTS WHO HAVE DIED AS
20 A RESULT OF THE INFECTIOUS DISEASE UNDERLYING THE EMERGENCY
21 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

22 (2) *DISAGGREGATION OF DATA.*

23 THE DATA PUBLISHED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE DISAGGREGATED BY RACE,
24 GENDER, AGE, AND ZIP CODE.

25 (C) *CONSTRUCTION OF SECTION.*

26 (1) THE REPORT PUBLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE
27 WITH APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE
28 DISSEMINATION OF HEALTH DATA.

29 (2) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONER TO
30 COLLECT OR OBTAIN DATA THAT IS NOT ALREADY AVAILABLE TO THE COMMISSIONER.

31 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
32 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
33 Ordinance.

34 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the date it is
35 enacted.