CITY OF BALTIMORE COUNCIL BILL 21-0085 (First Reader)

Introduced by: The Council President

At the request of: The Administration (Baltimore City Fire Department)

Introduced and read first time: May 17, 2021

Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Planning Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Transportation, Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Department of General Services, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals, Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ORDINANCE concerning
2	Baltimore City Fire Code – Telephone Access to 9-1-1 Emergency System
3 4 5	FOR the purpose of requiring that certain multiple-line telephone systems allow for the direct dial of 9-1-1; defining certain terms; authorizing certain inspections; providing for certain fines; and generally relating to access to the City's 9-1-1 emergency system.
6	By repealing and re-ordaining with amendments
7	Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes
8	Section 8-102 (IFC § 110.7)
9	Baltimore City Revised Code
10	(2018 Edition)
11	By adding
12	Article - Building, Fire, and Related Codes
13	Section 8-102 (IFC § 916)
14	Baltimore City Revised Code
15	(2018 Edition)
16	By repealing and re-ordaining, with amendments
17	Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
18	Section 40-14(e)(6)
19	Baltimore City Code
20	(Edition 2000)
21	SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the
22	Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

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

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1	Baltimore City Revised Code
2	Article – Building, Fire, and Related Codes
3	Part VIII. Fire Code
4	§ 8-102. City modifications.
5 6	The additions, deletions, amendments, and other modifications adopted by the City are as follows:
7	Chapter 1. Scope and Administration
8	Section 110 Violations
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10 11 12 13 14	110.7 Citations for certain offenses. In accordance with City Code Article 1, Subtitle 40 {"Environmental Control Board"}, City Code Article 1, Subtitle 41 {"Civil Citations"}, or City Code Article 19, Subtitle 71 {"Special Enforcement Officers"}, a prepayable citation may be issued to the owner, agent, or person responsible for the operation or in charge of any occupancy that fails to comply with the following provisions of this Code:
16	1. § 108.6 {"Maintenance: Overcrowding"}
17	2. § 111.1 {"Unsafe Buildings: General"}, [or]
18 19	3. § 916.4 {"Telephone Access to the City's 9-1-1 Emergency System: General"}
20	4. § 1001.2 {"Means of Egress: Minimum Requirements"}.
21	Chapter 9. Fire Protection Systems
22	SECTION 916 TELEPHONE ACCESS TO THE CITY'S 9-1-1 EMERGENCY SYSTEM
23	916.1 "MULTIPLE-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM" DEFINED. IN THIS SECTION,
	"MULTIPLE-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN STATE PUBLIC
25	SAFETY ARTICLE, § 1-314 {"CONNECTION OF MULTIPLE-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM TO
24 25 26	ALLOW FOR DIRECT DIALING OF 9-1-1"}.
27	916.2 PURPOSE. IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE,
28	THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION IS TO ENSURE THAT ANY PERSON USING A MULTIPLE-
20 29	LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM CAN DIRECT DIAL 9-1-1- WITHOUT HAVING TO DIAL ANOTHEI
29 30	NUMBER FIRST.
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31	916.3 APPLICABILITY. THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ANY PERSON THAT INSTALLS OR
32	OPERATES A MULTIPLE-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

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1	916.4 GENERAL. A PERSON THAT INSTALLS OR OPERATES A MULTIPLE-LINE
2	TELEPHONE SYSTEM SHALL ENSURE THAT THE SYSTEM IS CONNECTED TO THE PUBLIC
3	SWITCHED TELEPHONE NETWORK IN SUCH A WAY THAT WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL USING
4	THE SYSTEM DIALS 9-1-1, THE CALL CONNECTS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING
5	POINT WITHOUT REQUIRING THE USER TO DIAL ANY OTHER NUMBER OR SET OF
6	NUMBERS.
7	916.4.1 AUTHORITY TO INSPECT. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHALL INSPECT THE
8	INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF A MULTIPLE-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND
9	ENFORCE COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 107 {"INSPECTIONS"} OF THIS CODE.
10	Baltimore City Code
11	Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
12	Subtitle 40. Environmental Control Board
13	§ 40-14. Violations to which subtitle applies.
14	(e) Provisions and penalties enumerated.
15	(5c) Building, Fire, and Related Codes Article – Fire Code
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17	§ 916.4 {"Telephone Access to the City's 9-1-1 Emergency System
18	GENERAL"}
19	1 st OFFENSE \$100
20	2 ND AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES \$200
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22	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
23	are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
24	Ordinance.
25	SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30 th day
26	after the date it is enacted.