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**Title:** Police Ordinances - Prohibiting the Purchase of Prostitution  
For the purpose of prohibiting the purchase of prostitution in Baltimore City; defining certain terms; establishing certain penalties; setting a special effective date; and generally relating to the purchase of prostitution.

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**Explanation:** Capitals indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

**\* Warning:** This is an unofficial, introductory copy of the bill.  
The official copy considered by the City Council is the first reader copy.

**Introductory\***

**City of Baltimore  
Council Bill**

Introduced by: Councilmember Burnett

**A Bill Entitled**

An Ordinance concerning  
**Police Ordinances - Prohibiting the Purchase of Prostitution**  
For the purpose of prohibiting the purchase of prostitution in Baltimore City; defining certain terms; establishing certain penalties; setting a special effective date; and generally relating to the purchase of

prostitution.

By adding

Article 19 - Police Ordinances  
Section(s) 28-1 to 28-4, to be under the new subtitle name,  
“Subtitle 28. Purchasing Prostitution.”  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

By adding

Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies  
Sections 41-14(2)(§ 28-2.)  
Baltimore City Revised Code  
(Edition 2000)

**Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,** That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

**Baltimore City Code**

**Article 19. Police Ordinances**

**Subtitle 28. Purchasing Prostitution**

**§ 28-1. Definitions.**

(a) *In general.*

In this subtitle, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(b) *Prostitution.*

“Prostitution” means the performance of a sexual act, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse, as these terms are defined in State Criminal Law Article § 3-301, for hire.

(c) *Purchase.*

“Purchase” means to offer or agree to pay money or something of value to another person in return for a service.

**§ 28-2. Prohibited conduct.**

A person may not purchase prostitution in the City.

**§ 28-3. {Reserved}**

**§ 28-4. Enforcement by citation.**

(a) *In general.*

In addition to any other civil or criminal remedy or enforcement procedure, this subtitle may be enforced by issuance of a civil citation under City Code Article 1, Subtitle 41 {“Civil Citations”}.

(b) *Methods not exclusive.*

The issuance of a citation to enforce this subtitle does not preclude pursuing any other civil or criminal remedy or enforcement action authorized by law.

**Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

**Subtitle 41. Civil Citations**

**§ 41-14. Offenses to which subtitle applies - Listing.**

(2) *Article 19. Police Ordinances*

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§ 28-2. Purchasing Prostitution - Prohibited conduct  
1<sup>st</sup> offense

2<sup>nd</sup> or subsequent offense

\$500

\$750

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**Section 2. And be it further ordained,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

**Section 3. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 180<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.