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

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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Kraft

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning  
**Taxicabs and Other Common Carriers - Refusal to Pay Fare**

FOR the purpose of increasing the penalty for wilful refusal to pay proper charges for transport in a taxicab or other common carrier; and correcting, conforming, and clarifying related language.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 19 - Police Ordinances

Section(s) 52-2

Baltimore City 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 52. Taxicabs

§ 52□ Refusal to pay fare.

(a) Prohibited conduct[; penalties].

[Any] IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY person who engages and accepts transportation in a [public] taxicab or other vehicle operated as a common carrier[, under any conditions whereby a charge therefor is not paid in advance, and who] TO wilfully [refuses] REFUSE to pay the proper charges at the conclusion of [such] THE transportation[, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$50 for each such offense].

(b) Special arrangements allowed.

[Nothing in this] THIS section [shall be construed to] DOES NOT prevent the owner or operator of [any such] THE TAXICAB OR OTHER common carrier from [making a special agreement] ARRANGING with the person who engaged and accepted transportation[,] for [the] subsequent payment of THE charges due.

(C) PENALTIES.

ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES A PROVISION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF \$250 FOR EACH OFFENSE.

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 30th day after the date it is enacted.

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