



Legislation Text

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**Introductory\***

**City of Baltimore  
Council Bill**

Introduced by: Councilmember Henry

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

**Explosive Material - Reporting**

For the purpose of requiring persons to report certain explosives to the Baltimore City Office of Emergency Management; defining certain terms; and providing for certain penalties.

By adding

Article 19 - Police Ordinances

Section(s) 18-1 through 18-3, to be under the new subtitle,  
"Subtitle 18. Explosives"

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 18. Explosives**

**§ 18-1. Definitions.**

(a) *In general.*

In this subtitle, the following terms have the meaning specified.

(b) *Explosives.*

(1) *In general.*

"Explosives" means gunpowder, powders for blasting, high explosives, blasting materials,

fuses other than electric circuit breakers, detonators and other detonating agents, smokeless powder, and any chemical compound or mechanical mixture that contains oxidizing and combustible units or other ingredients in such proportions, quantities, or packing that ignition by fire, friction, concussion, percussion, or detonation of any part of the compound or mixture may and is intended to cause an explosion.

(2) *Inclusions.*

“Explosives” includes:

- (i) bombs and destructive devices designed to operate by chemical, mechanical, or explosive action; and
- (ii) 2 or more components that are advertised and sold together with instructions on how to combine the components to create an explosive, as defined in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) *Exclusions.*

“Explosives” does not include fixed ammunition for small arms, small arms ammunition primers, small arms percussion caps, safety and pyrotechnic fuses, quills, quick and slow matches, friction primers, fireworks, or common matches when used in their original configuration.

(c) *Office.*

“Office” means the Baltimore City Office of Emergency Management or its successor unit.

(d) *Person.*

“Person” means:

- (1) an individual;
- (2) a partnership, firm, association, corporation, or other entity of any kind;
- (3) a receiver, trustee, guardian, personal representative, fiduciary, or representative of any kind; or
- (4) a governmental entity or an instrumentality or unit of a governmental entity.

**§ 18-2. Reporting required.**

A person shall report unattended and unsecured explosives to the Office as soon as practicable but, in any event, within 12 hours of the discovery of the explosives.

**§ 18-3. Criminal penalties.**

Any person who violates any provision of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months or both fine and imprisonment.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.