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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  
**Vandalism - Street Lights and Other Utility Structures**

FOR the purpose of increasing the penalties for damaging or injuring street lighting or other public utility structures; correcting, clarifying, and conforming related language; and generally relating to vandalism of street lighting and other public utility structures, their equipment, parts, and appurtenances.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 19 - Police Ordinances  
Section(s) 57-3  
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 57. Vandalism

§ 573. Utility structures, etc.

(A) PROHIBITED CONDUCT.

[If any] NO person [shall] MAY wilfully break, defile, remove, deface, [or] carry away, OR OTHERWISE DAMAGE OR INJURE any street lighting or other public utility structure, OR ANY equipment, [or any] part, or appurtenance [thereof, installed at any place in the City, or otherwise damage or injure the same,] OF A PUBLIC UTILITY STRUCTURE.

(B) LIABILITY.

[every] ANY person [so offending, aiding, or assisting in such offense, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding \$50 and shall also be] WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS, IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER APPLICABLE PENALTY, liable to the City or other owner of [such] THE structure, equipment, etc., for the [cost and] expense of repairing, cleaning, and restoring [the same] IT.

(C) PENALTIES.

(1) ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000 OR TO IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 12 MONTHS OR TO BOTH FINE AND IMPRISONMENT FOR EACH OFFENSE.

(2) EACH STRUCTURE DAMAGED OR INJURED UNDER THIS SECTION IS A SEPARATE 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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