



Legislation Text

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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
1st offense

2nd 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 180th day after the date it is enacted.