

# HOUSE BILL 13

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – High Crime Zones – Required Public Notice**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to post signs  
4 reasonably calculated to notify the public of the presence of a certain enforcement  
5 area; requiring certain signs to be placed in certain locations and to notify the public  
6 of the existence and effects of a certain area designation; and generally relating to  
7 public notification of certain enforcement areas in Baltimore City.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City  
10 Section 16–7  
11 Article 4 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
12 (1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement, and 2000 Supplement, as amended)  
13 (As enacted by Chapter 70 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article 4 – Baltimore City**

17 16–7.

18 **(A)** In directing and supervising the operations and affairs of the Department, the  
19 Commissioner shall, subject to the provisions of this subtitle, and subject to the provisions  
20 of Article VI and Sections 4–14 both inclusive, of Article VII of the Charter of Baltimore  
21 City (1964 Revision) as amended from time to time, be vested with all the powers, rights  
22 and privileges attending the responsibility of management, and may exercise the same,  
23 where appropriate, by rule, regulation, order or other departmental directive which shall  
24 be binding on all members of the Department when duly promulgated. In the event of a

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 conflict between the provisions of Article VI and Sections 4–14, both inclusive, of Article  
2 VII of the Charter, and the provisions of this subtitle, the provisions of Article VI and  
3 Sections 4–14 of Article VII shall control.

4       **(B)** The authority herein vested in the Police Commissioner shall specifically  
5 include, but not be limited to, the following:

6           (1) To determine and establish the form of organization of the Department.

7           (2) To create bureaus, divisions, districts, sections, units, squads or other  
8 subordinate organizational subdivisions or segments within the Department, including  
9 departmental boards and commissions, and to determine and define the functions, duties  
10 and responsibilities of each.

11           (3) To appoint without examination and to serve at his pleasure during  
12 satisfactory performance, Deputy Commissioners and other ranks and positions above the  
13 rank of Lieutenant which the Commissioner has determined require the experience of a  
14 Lieutenant as a prerequisite in order to insure the effective and efficient staffing and  
15 operation of the major functional subdivisions of the Department.

16           (4) To assign, reassign, allocate and reallocate members of the Department  
17 to those duties, and to those organizational subdivisions of the Department as the  
18 Commissioner in his judgment may deem necessary to best serve the interests of the public  
19 and the Department.

20           (5) To determine and establish classifications of ranks, grades and  
21 positions for Police Officer within the Department as he may deem appropriate; to prescribe  
22 the uniform insignia for all ranks; to define and designate the authority, responsibility,  
23 duties, assignments, rights and privileges for each rank, grade or position, to establish the  
24 order of succession to positions of command within the Department, including the order of  
25 succession to the position of Acting Police Commissioner, as provided for in Section 16–6 of  
26 this subtitle.

27           (6) To determine and establish, with consent of the Civil Service  
28 Commission of Baltimore, those civil service ranks within the Department for civilian  
29 employees as he may deem necessary and appropriate.

30           (7) To appoint, promote, reduce in rank, grade or position, reassign,  
31 reclassify, retire and discharge all members of the Department in the manner prescribed  
32 by law.

33           (8) To regulate attendance, conduct, training, discipline and procedure for  
34 all members of the Department and to make all other rules, regulations and orders as may  
35 be necessary for the good government of the Department and of its members.

36           (9) To institute a system of periodic performance evaluation for all  
37 members of the Department through the rank of Captain.

1           (10) To provide procedures for regular periodical physical examination of all  
2 members of the Department.

3           (11) To make and execute contracts and other instruments as may be  
4 authorized in the exercise and performance of the powers vested in him and the  
5 Department.

6           (12) To acquire, hold, control and maintain all property, equipment,  
7 facilities and premises necessary to the operation of the Department, and to dispose of those  
8 in the manner as may be authorized by law.

9           (13) To establish and modify systems for the reception, processing and  
10 maintenance of reports and records of occurrences, or alleged occurrences, of crime in the  
11 City of Baltimore, and of the administration, management and operations of the  
12 Department; and to establish procedures, not inconsistent with law, for the safekeeping,  
13 photocopying, micro-photocopying and destruction of departmental records.

14           (14) To suspend, amend, rescind, abrogate or cancel any rule, regulation,  
15 order or other department directive adopted by him or by any former Police Commissioner  
16 and to adopt all other reasonable rules, regulations and orders as he may deem necessary  
17 to enable the Department effectively to discharge the duties imposed upon it by this  
18 subtitle.

19           (15) To create within the Police Department an auxiliary police force. This  
20 force shall be staffed as far as possible with the volunteers from the citizens of Baltimore  
21 City. The Auxiliary Police Force so created shall be used only to render assistance to the  
22 Police Department in service functions including, but not limited to, traffic,  
23 communications and clerical duties. The purpose of the Auxiliary Police Force is to relieve  
24 the regular police personnel for law enforcement duties.

25           **(C) (1) IN ANY AREA DESIGNATED BY THE BALTIMORE POLICE**  
26 **DEPARTMENT AS A “HIGH CRIME ZONE”, A “STOP AND FRISK ZONE”, OR ANY**  
27 **SIMILAR NAME, THE POLICE COMMISSIONER SHALL POST SIGNS REASONABLY**  
28 **CALCULATED TO NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE DESIGNATION.**

29           **(2) THE SIGNS SHALL BE PLACED INTERMITTENTLY AROUND THE**  
30 **PERIMETER OF THE DESIGNATED AREA AND SHALL NOTIFY THE PUBLIC OF THE**  
31 **EXISTENCE AND EFFECTS OF THE DESIGNATION.**

32           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 October 1, 2017.