
By: Delegate Fulton

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Removing, Damaging, or Abandoning Grocery Carts - Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing, in Baltimore City, the penalty for removing, damaging, or
4 abandoning a grocery cart; and generally relating to the penalty, in Baltimore City,
5 for removing, damaging, or abandoning a grocery cart.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
8 Section 120A
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1996 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

14 120A.

15 (a) Any person who (1) removes from the premises, including all attendant
16 parking facilities, of any grocery store, store or market any wheeled cart or other similar
17 device belonging to the owner of such grocery store, store or market and used for the
18 purpose of assembling or carrying materials there purchased without the permission of
19 the owner or his agents, or (2) destroys, mutilates or damages any such wheeled cart, or
20 other device, or (3) abandons any such wheeled cart or device upon the streets, highways
21 or alleys, other than attendant parking facilities, of the State of Maryland, shall be guilty
22 of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, is subject to a fine of not more than
23 \$25.00 for each offense.

24 (b) The provisions of this section shall apply only to wheeled carts and other
25 similar devices which have the name and address of the owner thereof clearly marked
26 thereon, and only if notice of the provisions of this section is clearly and prominently
27 displayed at all public exits from the grocery store, store or market.

28 (C) IN BALTIMORE CITY, A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY
29 OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO:

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1 (1) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$200; AND

2 (2) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING
3 \$400 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 1997.