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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Loitering - Drug-Related Offenses**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting, in Baltimore City, a person from loitering in a public
4 place for the purpose of committing certain drug-related offenses; establishing a
5 certain penalty for violating this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating
6 to loitering in Baltimore City.

7 BY adding to

8 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
9 Section 286F
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1996 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

15 286F.

16 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO BALTIMORE CITY.

17 (B) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
18 INDICATED.

19 (2) "LOITER" MEANS TO STAND OR REMAIN IN OR AROUND A PLACE IN
20 AN IDLE OR DILATORY MANNER.

21 (3) "PUBLIC PLACE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 36G OF THIS
22 ARTICLE.

23 (C) A PERSON MAY NOT LOITER IN A PUBLIC PLACE FOR THE PURPOSE OF
24 VIOLATING ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 286 THROUGH 290 OF THIS ARTICLE.

25 (D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR
26 AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1
27 YEAR OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR BOTH.

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

