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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Traffic Police - Work Conditions and Duties**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the title of special traffic enforcement officers to be traffic
4 police officers; authorizing a traffic police officer to carry certain equipment;
5 requiring that motor vehicles supplied for the official use of traffic police officers be
6 equipped with certain emergency equipment; requiring the Police Commissioner of
7 Baltimore City to authorize traffic police officers to attend and receive accreditation
8 for certain classes at the police academy; deleting certain restrictions on the
9 geographic jurisdiction of traffic police officers; expanding the authority of traffic
10 police officers in certain ways; and generally relating to the duties and work
11 conditions of traffic police officers.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City

14 Section 16-16C

15 Article 4 - Public Local Laws of Maryland

16 (1979 Edition and 1991 and 1993 Supplements, as amended)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article 4 - Baltimore City**

20 16-16C.

21 (a) The Mayor and City Council by ordinance may:

22 (1) provide for the nomination of [special] traffic [enforcement] POLICE
23 officers; and

24 (2) set the duties and functions of and procedures governing [special]
25 traffic [enforcement] POLICE officers.

26 (b) Subject to the ordinance adopted under subsection (a) of this section, the
27 Commissioner may:

28 (1) appoint an employee of the City to be a [special] traffic [enforcement]
29 POLICE officer; and

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1 (2) revoke the appointment of a [special] traffic [enforcement] POLICE
2 officer at any time.

3 (c) The Commissioner shall keep a record of [special] traffic [enforcement]
4 POLICE officer appointments.

5 (d) The Commissioner shall approve the form of badge and the type of uniform
6 that a [special] traffic [enforcement] POLICE officer wears.

7 (E) A TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICER MAY CARRY MACE, HANDCUFFS, AND A
8 NIGHTSTICK.

9 (F) MOTOR VEHICLES SUPPLIED FOR THE OFFICIAL USE OF TRAFFIC POLICE
10 OFFICERS SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH SIGNAL LIGHTS, SIRENS, AND OTHER
11 RELEVANT EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT.

12 (G) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL AUTHORIZE TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICERS TO
13 ATTEND CLASSES AT THE POLICE ACADEMY THAT ARE RELEVANT TO THEIR DUTIES
14 AND TO RECEIVE ACCREDITATION FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THOSE
15 CLASSES.

16 [(e) (1)] (H) [Except as limited by Paragraph (2) of this subsection, and only
17 within the boundaries eligible for inclusion in the downtown commercial district
18 authorized by Chapter 604 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1992, a special] A
19 traffic [enforcement] POLICE officer has the same authority to control and direct
20 pedestrian and vehicular traffic under the Maryland Vehicle Law and Baltimore City
21 ordinances regulating motor vehicles as a police officer[.], INCLUDING THE
22 AUTHORITY TO:

23 [(2) A special traffic enforcement officer has no power to:

24 (i) (1) issue citations for ALL moving violations [other than for a failure
25 to obey lawful traffic direction or traffic control devices]; [or] AND

26 [(ii) (2) make arrests.

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