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**By: Senators Conway, McFadden, and Sfikas**

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Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Property Owners - Waiver of Rights**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the applicable enforcement agency in Baltimore City to  
4 enter onto certain property to take certain actions if a property owner does not  
5 comply with a citation order to correct certain violations within a certain period of  
6 time; providing that the property owner is liable for certain costs; and generally  
7 relating to the right of the applicable enforcement agency in Baltimore City to enter  
8 onto certain property to take certain actions under certain circumstances.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Real Property  
11 Section 14-124  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Real Property**

17 14-124.

18 (A) IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE APPLICABLE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY  
19 ENTER ONTO ANY PROPERTY THAT IS ABANDONED OR BOARDED UP OR IF A  
20 HOUSING CODE VIOLATION EXISTS ON THE PROPERTY, TO EITHER DEMOLISH THE  
21 PROPERTY OR TO CORRECT THE HOUSING CODE VIOLATION WITHOUT ISSUING  
22 PRIOR NOTICE OR OBTAINING A WARRANT FOR THE ENTRY IF:

23 (1) A CITATION HAS ALREADY BEEN ISSUED TO THE PROPERTY  
24 OWNER; AND

25 (2) THE PROPERTY OWNER HAS FAILED TO RESPOND TO THE CITATION  
26 WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE CITATION WAS ISSUED.

27 (B) THE PROPERTY OWNER SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE COST OF THE  
28 CORRECTION OF THE HOUSING CODE VIOLATION OR THE COST OF DEMOLISHING  
29 THE PROPERTY.

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