

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1068

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Urban Park Rangers” and substitute “Police Jurisdiction - Parks”; in line 3, strike “authorizing the Police Commissioner” and substitute “altering the jurisdiction of special enforcement officers”; strike beginning with “appoint” in line 3 down through “on” in line 6 and substitute “include enforcement of certain laws pertaining to parks; altering the jurisdiction of special traffic enforcement officers of Baltimore City to include”; in line 7, after “Department” insert “of Recreation and Parks of Baltimore City”; strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 7 down through the semicolon in line 18; and in line 19, strike “urban park rangers” and substitute “police jurisdiction over certain parks”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 20, strike “adding to” and substitute “repealing and reenacting, with amendments,”; and in line 22, strike “16-16D” and substitute “16-16A(a) and 16-16C(e)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 2 on page 2 through line 14 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“16-16A.

(a) (1) The Commissioner may appoint persons as special enforcement officers of the City of Baltimore which may provide by ordinance for their duties, functions, and procedures as special officers. The officers may issue and serve citations and summonses to appear before the appropriate division of the District Court in proceedings for enforcement of any City code, ordinance, regulation, or provision of public local law pertaining to building, housing, zoning, fire, public health [and sanitation], SANITATION, AND PARKS.

(Over)

(2) These officers may receive complaints and investigate all violations enumerated in paragraph (1) of this subsection and all violations of any State law or regulation concerning buildings, public health, fire, or sanitation reported to them by any State department or agency.

(3) The officers may not arrest or take into custody any violator under this subsection or otherwise have the power of arrest in their official capacity. A record of appointment of officers shall be kept by the Commissioner and any appointment may be revoked by the Commissioner at any time. The form of badge and the type of uniform that may be worn by the special enforcement officers shall be approved by the Police Commissioner.

16-16C.

(e) (1) Except as limited by paragraph (2) of this subsection, and only within the boundaries eligible for inclusion in the downtown commercial district authorized by Chapter 604 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1992 AND ON PROPERTY CONTROLLED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS OF BALTIMORE CITY, a special traffic enforcement officer has the same authority to control and direct pedestrian and vehicular traffic under the Maryland Vehicle Law and Baltimore City ordinances regulating motor vehicles as a police officer.

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

(i) issue citations for moving violations other than for a failure to obey lawful traffic direction or traffic control devices; or

(ii) make arrests.”.