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By: **Senator Della**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Special Traffic Enforcement Officers - Authority to Issue**  
3 **Warnings**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a special traffic enforcement officer in Baltimore City  
5 to issue a warning to the same extent a police officer is authorized to issue a  
6 warning when the special traffic enforcement officer is exercising the officer's  
7 authority to control and direct pedestrian and vehicular traffic under certain  
8 laws and ordinances in certain locations; and generally relating to special traffic  
9 enforcement officers in Baltimore City.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 The Public Local Laws of Baltimore City  
12 Section 16-16C(e)  
13 Article 4 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
14 (1979 Edition and 1997 Supplement, and 2000 Supplement, as amended)  
15 (As enacted by Chapter 469 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003)

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

18 **Article 4 - Baltimore City**

19 16-16C.

20 (e) (1) Except as limited by paragraph (2) of this subsection, and only within  
21 the boundaries eligible for inclusion in the downtown commercial district authorized  
22 by Chapter 604 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1992 and on property controlled  
23 by the Department of Recreation and Parks of Baltimore City, a special traffic  
24 enforcement officer has the same authority to control and direct pedestrian and  
25 vehicular traffic under the Maryland Vehicle Law and Baltimore City ordinances  
26 regulating motor vehicles as a police officer, INCLUDING THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE A  
27 WARNING TO THE SAME EXTENT A POLICE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A  
28 WARNING.

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

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

3 (ii) make arrests.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 October 1, 2006.