

HOUSE BILL 975

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By: **Delegates Young, Addison, and Conaway**
Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023
Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Control Over Powers of Police Commissioner**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the reporting requirements of the Advisory Board on the
4 Transfer of Control of the Police Department of Baltimore City by requiring the
5 Board to submit a certain report on or before a certain date; repealing a prohibition
6 on certain Baltimore City ordinances or acts of certain municipal officials from
7 conflicting, impeding, obstructing, hindering, or interfering with the powers of the
8 Baltimore City Police Commissioner; and generally relating to the Police
9 Department of Baltimore City and the Baltimore City Police Commissioner.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Chapter 133 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021
12 Section 3(f)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 The Charter of Baltimore City
15 Article II – General Powers
16 Section (27)
17 (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)
18 (As enacted by Chapters 39 and 40 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2009)

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

21 **Chapter 133 of the Acts of 2021**

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

23 (f) (1) On or before December 1, 2021, the Advisory Board shall submit an
24 interim report of its initial findings and recommendations to the Baltimore City Council,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the
2 General Assembly.

3 (2) On or before December 1, 2022, the Advisory Board shall submit [its
4 final] A **SECOND INTERIM** report to the Baltimore City Council, the Governor, and, in
5 accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

6 (3) **ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2023, THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL**
7 **SUBMIT ITS FINAL REPORT TO THE BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL, THE GOVERNOR,**
8 **AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE**
9 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
11 as follows:

12 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

13 Article II – General Powers

14 The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to
15 exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of
16 Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland; and in
17 particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by ordinance, or such
18 other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the provisions of said
19 Constitution and Public General Laws:

20 (27)

21 To have and exercise within the limits of Baltimore City all the power commonly
22 known as the Police Power to the same extent as the State has or could exercise that power
23 within the limits of Baltimore City[; provided, however, that no ordinance of the City or act
24 of any municipal officer, other than an act of the Mayor pursuant to Article IV of this
25 Charter, shall conflict, impede, obstruct, hinder or interfere with the powers of the Police
26 Commissioner].

27 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take
28 effect October 1, 2024.

29 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section
30 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2023.