

# HOUSE BILL 732

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By: **Baltimore City Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2024

Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition on certain Baltimore City ordinances or acts of  
4 certain municipal officials from conflicting, impeding, obstructing, hindering, or  
5 interfering with the powers of the Baltimore City Police Commissioner; and  
6 generally relating to the Baltimore City Police Commissioner.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 The Charter of Baltimore City

9 Article II – General Powers

10 Section (27)

11 (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

12 (As enacted by Chapters 39 and 40 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2009)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

16 Article II – General Powers

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

23 (27)

24 To have and exercise within the limits of Baltimore City all the power commonly

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 known as the Police Power to the same extent as the State has or could exercise that power  
2 within the limits of Baltimore City[; provided, however, that no ordinance of the City or act  
3 of any municipal officer, other than an act of the Mayor pursuant to Article IV of this  
4 Charter, shall conflict, impede, obstruct, hinder or interfere with the powers of the Police  
5 Commissioner].

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
7 1, 2024.