

Chapter 486

(House Bill 681)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Ordinance Enforcement – ~~Amount of~~ Fines and Penalties

FOR the purpose of ~~increasing~~ removing the maximum amount that Baltimore City is authorized to establish for civil and criminal fines and penalties for violating certain ordinances, rules, or regulations; and generally relating to civil and criminal fines and penalties for the enforcement of ordinances, rules, or regulations in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 The Charter of Baltimore City
 Article II – General Powers
 Section (48)
 (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

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

The Charter of Baltimore City

Article II – General Powers

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

(48)

To provide civil and criminal fines and penalties for the violation of any ordinance, rule or regulations established by the City under or in the execution of any power granted by this Article II; provided that ~~no fine or penalty shall exceed [\$1000.00] \$5,000.00~~ and no imprisonment shall be for a longer period than 12 months.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2026.