

SENATE BILL 290

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By: **Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2026

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Ordinance Enforcement – Amount of Fines and Penalties**

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

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 The Charter of Baltimore City
9 Article II – General Powers
10 Section (48)
11 (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

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

14 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

15 Article II – General Powers

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

22 (48)

23 To provide civil and criminal fines and penalties for the violation of any ordinance,
24 rule or regulations established by the City under or in the execution of any power granted

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 by this Article II; provided that no fine or penalty shall exceed ~~[\$1000.00]~~ **\$5,000.00** and
2 no imprisonment shall be for a longer period than 12 months.

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