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Judicial Proceedings Committee

2 East Miller Senate Building Office

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Dear Chairman, Smith:

The Baltimore City Delegation received and reviewed Baltimore City - Office of the Sheriff - Neighborhood Services Unit.

The Baltimore City Delegation voted House Bill 1293/683527/1 favorable with amendments on Friday, March 28th, 2025. Please see the attached voting tally sheet. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melissa Wells

Delegate Melissa Wells, Chair

Baltimore City House Delegation

BALTIMORE CITY HOUSE DELEGATION
Voting List 2025 Session

Date: 3/28/25

Bill Number/Title: HB1293/683527/1 Baltimore City - Office of the Sheriff - Neighborhood Services Unit

Requested: Delegate Smith

Motion: Fav ____ Fav as amended X Unfavorable ____ Hold/Special Order ____

Move: _____

Second: _____

	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Del. Wells, Chair	x			
Del. Addison	x			
Del. Amprey	x			
Del. Boyce	x			
Del. Clippinger	x			
Del. Conaway	x			
Del. Edelson	x			
Del. Embry	x			
Del. Lewis				x
Del. Rosenberg	x			
Del. Ruff	x			
Del. Smith	x			
Del. Stinnett	x			
Del. Young	x			

Final Disposition: _____ FAV FWA UNF LIMBO HOLD SO

ABSENT = Absent for vote, see attendance sheet for attendance

Total Votes = 14, Majority = 8, 2/3 = 10

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By: **Delegates Smith, Addison, Embry, and Young**
Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2025
Assigned to: Judiciary

Committee Report: Favorable
House action: Adopted
Read second time: March 1, 2025

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Office of the Sheriff - Neighborhood Services Unit**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Neighborhood Services Unit within the Office of the
4 Sheriff of Baltimore City; requiring the Neighborhood Services Unit and the Board
5 of License Commissioners of Baltimore City to work in partnership to enforce the
6 alcoholic beverages laws of Baltimore City and to enter into a memorandum of
7 understanding that specifies the respective roles and responsibilities of the parties and funding
8 in connection with the partnership; requiring the Neighborhood Services Unit to
9 perform any other duties as directed by the Sheriff of Baltimore City; expanding the
10 authorized uses of certain revenue to include the work of the Neighborhood Services
11 Unit; and generally relating to the Office of the Sheriff of Baltimore City.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
14 Section 12-101(a) and (b) and 12-209
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2024 Replacement Volume)

17 BY adding to
18 Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
19 Section 12-2605
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2024 Replacement Volume)

22 BY adding to

2 **UNOFFICIAL COPY OF HOUSE BILL 1293**

1 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 2 Section 2-316.1
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 6 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 7 Section 7-301(c)(1) and (2)
 8 Annotated Code of Maryland
 9 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 11 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
 12 Section 7-301(c)(3)
 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
 14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

18 12-101.

19 (a) In this title:

20 (1) except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, the definitions in §
 21 1-101 of this article apply without exception or variation; and

22 (2) the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (b) "Board" means the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City.

12-209.

The Mayor and City Council shall:

(1) pay from the general fund of the City that includes revenue from the
Board the salaries and expenses of the Board and its employees; and

(2) devote the balance of the revenue from the Board to the general
purposes of the City.

24 **12-2605.**

25 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "UNIT" MEANS THE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES UNIT**
 26 **WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF BALTIMORE CITY, AS ESTABLISHED**
 27 **UNDER § 2-316.1 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.**

28 **(B) THE BOARD SHALL WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIT TO**
 29 **ENFORCE THIS TITLE.**

30 **(C) THE BOARD SHALL ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**
 31 **WITH THE UNIT THAT SPECIFIES :**

(1) THE RESPECTIVE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
 32 **OF THE PARTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PARTNERSHIP DESCRIBED IN**
 33 **SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION ; AND**

(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 12-209 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE FUNDING
SOURCE FOR THE UNIT.

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Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2 2-316.1.

3 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
4 INDICATED.

5 (2) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS OF
6 BALTIMORE CITY.

7 (3) "UNIT" MEANS THE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES UNIT WITHIN THE
8 OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF BALTIMORE CITY, AS ESTABLISHED UNDER
9 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

10 (B) THERE IS A NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES UNIT WITHIN THE OFFICE OF
11 THE SHERIFF OF BALTIMORE CITY.

12 (C) THE UNIT SHALL:

13 (1) WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BOARD TO ENFORCE THE
14 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LAWS OF BALTIMORE CITY UNDER TITLE 12 OF THE
15 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CANNABIS ARTICLE; AND

16 (2) PERFORM ANY OTHER DUTIES AS DIRECTED BY THE SHERIFF OF
17 BALTIMORE CITY.

18 (D) THE UNIT SHALL ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
19 WITH THE BOARD THAT SPECIFIES ~~THE~~ :

(1) THE RESPECTIVE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
20 OF THE PARTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PARTNERSHIP DESCRIBED IN
21 SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION ; AND

(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 12-209 OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
AND CANNABIS ARTICLE, THE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE UNIT.

22 7-301.

23 (c) (1) The filing fees and costs in a civil case are those prescribed by law
24 subject to modification by law, rule, or administrative regulation.

25 (2) The Chief Judge of the District Court shall assess a surcharge that:

26 (i) May not be more than:

27 1. \$43 per summary ejectment case; and

28 2. \$28 per case for all other civil cases; and

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(ii) Shall be deposited:

1. For a surcharge assessed under item (i)1 of this

paragraph:

A. 45% into the Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program established under § 4-2902 of the Housing and Community Development Article;

B. 45% into the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund established under § 11-402 of the Human Services Article; and

C. 10% into the Rental Assistance for Community Schools Families Fund established under § 9.9-104.1 of the Education Article; and

2. For a surcharge assessed under item (i)2 of this paragraph, into the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund established under § 11-402 of the Human Services Article.

(3) (i) In addition to the surcharge assessed under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Chief Judge of the District Court shall assess a surcharge that may not be more than \$10 per case for the following cases filed in Baltimore City:

1. Summary ejectment;

2. Tenant holding over;

3. Breach of lease; and

4. Warrant of restitution.

(ii) The revenue generated from the surcharge on filing fees collected by the District Court in Baltimore City under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall be:

1. Remitted quarterly to the Baltimore City Director of Finance; and

2. Used to fund the enhancement of sheriff benefits [and], the increase in sheriff personnel to enhance the service of domestic violence orders, AND THE WORK OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES UNIT WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF OF BALTIMORE CITY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.