

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 13-0262  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke, President Young, Councilmembers Henry, Stokes, Kraft,  
Scott, Middleton, Cole, Holton, Curran, Welch, Branch  
Introduced and read first time: September 16, 2013

Assigned to: Land Use and Transportation Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Police Commissioner, Department of  
Public Works, Department of Recreation and Parks, Department of Transportation, Department of  
General Services, Downtown Partnership

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Special Traffic Enforcement Officers – Citywide Jurisdiction**

3 FOR the purpose of allowing Special Traffic Enforcement Officers authority Citywide; expanding  
4 the agencies that can appoint Special Traffic Enforcement Officers; and generally relating to  
5 Special Traffic Enforcement Officers.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article 19 - Police Ordinances

8 Section(s) 72-1 and 72-2

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

11 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
12 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

13 **Baltimore City Code**

14 **Article 19. Police Ordinances**

15 **Subtitle 72. Special Traffic Enforcement Officers**

16 **§ 72-1. Appointment.**

17 (a) *In general.*

18 The following officials shall from time to time certify to the Police Commissioner the  
19 names of employees of their respective departments for appointment by the Police  
20 Commissioner as Special Traffic Enforcement Officers:

21 (1) Director of Public Works.

22 (2) Director of Recreation and Parks.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (3) DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION.

2 (4) DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES

3 (b) *Revocation.*

4 The Police Commissioner may revoke any appointment at any time.

5 **§ 72-2. Powers.**

6 (a) [*Scope.*

7 The authority granted by this section is limited to the following areas:

8 (1) within the Downtown Management District established by City Code Article 14,  
9 Subtitle 1; and

10 (2) on property controlled by the Department of Recreation and Parks.

11 (b)] *Directing traffic.*

12 [In the areas specified in subsection (a) of this section, a] A Special Traffic Enforcement  
13 Officer has the same authority as a police officer to control and direct pedestrian and  
14 vehicular traffic under the Maryland Vehicle Law and under City laws that regulate motor  
15 vehicles.

16 [(c)] (B) *Citations.*

17 A Special Traffic Enforcement Officer has no power to issue citations for moving  
18 violations other than for a failure to obey lawful traffic direction and control devices.

19 [(d)] (C) *No arrest powers.*

20 A Special Traffic Enforcement Officer has no power to make arrests.

21 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
22 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior  
23 Ordinance.

24 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
25 after the date it is enacted.