



**Bernard C. "Jack" Young**  
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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON BILL AIMED AT  
ELIMINATING NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLIC  
INTOXICATION**

*A dozen Council members back measure*

**BALTIMORE, MD** – “Today my colleagues on the City Council stood with me to say enough to the illegal behavior associated with public intoxication that is displayed too often in city neighborhoods located in and around entertainment zones. **The Behavioral Accountability Fee Increase Bill** (No. 10-0489) will send a strong message that Baltimore is serious about the safety of patrons and party-goers, and will protect residents’ quality of life.”

**END STATEMENT**

City Council President Bernard C. “Jack” Young today introduced legislation that aims to generate much-needed revenue for the city, as well as clamp down on specific illegal behavior that continues to plague neighborhoods located near entertainment zones.

The Council President’s bill would increase the fines associated with civil and environmental citations, and cause patrons to think twice before becoming inebriated to the point of committing illegal behavior.

“Baltimore is filled with great entertainment areas, like Federal Hill and Fells Point. These same communities, however, also serve as home to city residents. I want patrons to come out and enjoy themselves by supporting Baltimore’s nightlife. But they have to conduct themselves respectfully and within the law or face severe consequences,” Council President Young said.

Paul Robinson, president of the Federal Hill Neighborhood Association, applauded Council President Young’s bill.

“This bill is really aimed at convincing people to make responsible personal choices,” Mr.

Robinson said. “The fines that have been in place to date have not reduced the kind of inappropriate behavior I see on a nightly basis.”

The spirit of the legislation is targeted toward individuals who, while patronizing bars and restaurants, become inebriated to the point of committing illegal acts, like public urination or possessing open containers of alcohol.

- Drinking or possessing an open container would increase from \$50 to \$500
- Compliance with park rules would increase from \$200 to \$500
- Spitting in public would increase from \$25 to \$200
- Public urination would increase from \$150 to \$750
- Disorderly drinking would increase from \$150 to \$750
- Disorderly drinking of a minor would remain \$150

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