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BILL NO.: SB 171

TITLE: Motor Carriers and For-Hire Driving Services – Nonprofit Organizations and Volunteer Drivers

SPONSOR: Senator Guzzone

COMMITTEE: Finance

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

DATE: February 4, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS** Senate Bill 171 – Motor Carriers and For-Hire Driving Services - Nonprofit Organizations and Volunteer Drivers. This bill provides that specified nonprofit organizations using volunteer transportation, or who provide for clients of supportive services, are exempt from being required to obtain a motor carrier permit.

Baltimore County supports policy changes that expand the availability of transportation services to those in need. By exempting certain non-profits from having to obtain a motor carrier permit, this bill would expedite the process of hiring new volunteer transporters. The County feels, however, that this legislation could be more effective if given a broader reach.

Baltimore County also provides volunteer transportation for residents in need and would similarly benefit from an exemption for its volunteers. Through a modification that would incorporate local jurisdictions, the County would be in a better position to expand transportation services without the associated burdens placed on volunteers within its programs.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS** report on SB 171. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.