

HB0332 Baltimore City - Out-of-State Vehicles - Improper Registration

Stance: Favorable

Testimony: My name is Adiena Britt and I reside within the 45th District of MD, in Baltimore City. I am writing testimony in Favor of HB0332. The loophole of Maryland Drivers being able to obtain out of state tags and paying a waiver to NOT have insurance needs to be closed. Maryland residents should be required to have their vehicles registered here, in Maryland as well as having insurance. This issue is important to me because in the past, a family member was sandwiched between two vehicles in an "accident" caused by one of these types of drivers. The fact that they don't have insurance creates a nightmare for the rest of us. This person had a Baltimore City residence but VA registration, and could not supply anything at the scene but this registration on a piece of paper. They had no insurance and we were then responsible for the deductible and have still not been reimbursed for that since 2017. Our insurance company attempted to pursue the matter, but the person has proven elusive. What's worse is, a police officer showed up at the scene, yet did nothing about the fact that this person was uninsured and had out of state tags though they were a City resident. They caused damage to our vehicle and the vehicle our vehicle was sandwiched in-between. This ONE driver was responsible for causing this strife with two other drivers/vehicles and has basically gotten away with it. We couldn't even get a lawyer involved because they proved so elusive, it would have wound up costing us additional money just to get them served with any papers for the accident. Please pass this legislation on. It's important to have everyone held to the same standard and no allow irresponsible people to take shortcuts around the law by using the current loophole. Thank you.