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Bill Title: Baltimore City - Out-of-State Vehicles - Improper Registration

Good afternoon, esteemed members of the Environment and Transportation Committee. I am Antonio Glover, proudly representing the District 13 of the Baltimore City Council. Today, I am here to advocate for the support of **House Bill 332** addressing Improper Registration for out-of-state vehicles.

The primary objective of this bill is to ensure that drivers in the State of Maryland adhere to the regulations set forth by the Motor Vehicles Administration. It aims to eliminate any potential misconduct associated with the use of tags from Virginia. We have observed a noticeable surge in the prevalence of Virginia license plates within the City of Baltimore. A recent MarketWatch article highlights a concerning aspect: Virginia does not mandate individuals to carry auto insurance for legal driving.

This influx of Virginia tags has become financially enticing for drivers in Baltimore City and across Maryland. The allure of saving money appears to be encouraging a dangerous trend across the State. As reported, some are viewing this as a cost-effective alternative to following the proper procedures outlined by the MVA.

Beyond the financial incentives, this practice poses significant risks. Many second-hand vendors dealing with Virginia tags merely request a title and a driver's license without subjecting the vehicle to any inspection, which stands in stark contrast to the procedures in Maryland.

This Bill does four things:

1. Ensuring Regulatory Adherence: The bill aims to ensure that drivers in Maryland comply with regulations set by the Motor Vehicles Administration.
2. Addressing Misconduct: It seeks to eliminate potential misconduct associated with the use of out-of-state tags, particularly those from Virginia.
3. Financial Disincentive for Improper Registration: The legislation intends to discourage the financial allure of using Virginia tags, which might lead to dangerous trends across the state.
4. Safeguarding Road Integrity: The proposal is focused on safeguarding road integrity by mitigating risks associated with improper registration practices, such as minimal inspections by second-hand dealers.



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