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The Honorable Marc A. Korman  
Chair, House Environment and Transportation Committee  
250 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB 212 – Vehicle Laws – Out-of-State Vehicles – Improper Registration

—FAVORABLE—

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) respectfully submits this letter in support of House Bill 212, which would require the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) to engage in a specified process to facilitate compliance with State vehicle registration requirements.

Funding for Maryland's EMS system is provided from a variety of State, local, and volunteer systems. Annual State budget support for EMS is provided from a special fund, the Maryland Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund (MEMSOF), which funds the Maryland State Police Aviation Command (MSPAC), Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI), the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund, and MIEMSS. The MEMSOF is capitalized by a surcharge on motor vehicle registrations and, to a much lesser extent, revenue distributed from moving violation penalties.

During the 2024 legislative session, the General Assembly increased the motor vehicle surcharge to avert insolvency of the MEMSOF. Nevertheless, over time, expenses outpace revenue. Therefore, capturing all intended sources of revenue is of paramount importance.

According to its fiscal note, HB 212, if passed, could result in an estimated \$949k increase in annual MEMSOF revenue by increasing motor vehicle registrations through enforcement actions targeting vehicles improperly registered in other states, including Virginia. The increase in revenue would not only help safeguard this critical fund, but also ensure that our world-class EMS system—which benefits *all* Marylanders—is supported in a fair and equitable manner.

MIEMSS understands that the Department of Transportation has expressed concerns regarding the operational implementation of the bill should it become law, and hopes that these concerns can be adequately addressed through the legislature's deliberations.

I hope this letter is helpful as your committee considers this important legislation, and I urge a favorable report. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director