



# Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



## MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair and  
Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

FROM: Darren Popkin, Executive Director, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee  
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee  
Samira Jackson, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: February 12, 2026

RE: **HB 212 - Vehicle Laws - Out-of-State Vehicles - Improper Registration**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) **SUPPORT HB 212**. This bill establishes a commonsense process to bring vehicles owned by Maryland residents that are improperly registered in another state into compliance with Maryland's vehicle registration laws. This bill gives the Maryland Vehicle Administration a clear path to notify owners and requires timely action on the part of residents to ensure vehicles are properly registered. It also creates a fair timeline and a system of graduated consequences, including civil fines and potential immobilization after repeated noncompliance, to protect public safety.

HB 212 highlights that properly registered vehicles are essential to effective traffic safety and criminal enforcement. Vehicles that are not correctly registered can impede the ability of officers to identify ownership, enforce laws, and investigate crashes or criminal activity. HB 212 helps ensure that vehicles on Maryland roads meet legal standards, which supports accountability, improves public safety, and fosters compliance with state law.

For these reasons, MCPA and MSA respectfully urge a **FAVORABLE** committee report.