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HB0274

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TO: Members of the Health Committee

FROM: Nina Themelis, Director of Mayor's Office of Government Relations

RE: House Bill 274 – State Board of Environmental Health Specialists - Sunset Extension

POSITION: Favorable

Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports** HB 274.

HB 274 is a sunset extension of the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists (Board). The extension will allow the Board to stay active through 2032.

The role of the Board of Environmental Health Specialists is vital in supporting the protection of the public's health. The Board provides license standards for all Environmental Health Specialists, who do the important task of conducting inspections of food facilities, tattoo establishments, and aquatic facilities, and investigate nuisance complaints and vector control concerns. In order to maintain these license standards that protect the public's health, Baltimore City **supports** the extension of the Board through HB 274.

For these reasons, the BCA respectfully requests a **favorable** report on HB 274.