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By: Calvert County Delegation Introduced and read first time: January 25, 1996 Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Calvert County - Regulation of Vehicle Towing Companies

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Calvert County to

- 4 establish by ordinance the terms and conditions for a towing companylicense;
- 5 prohibiting a person from operating a vehicle towing company in Calvert County
- 6 without first obtaining a certain license; establishing certain penalties; defining a
- 7 certain term; and generally relating to the authority of the County Commissioners of
- 8 Calvert County to regulate vehicle towing companies in the County.

9 BY adding to

- 10 The Public Local Laws of Calvert County
- 11 Section 10-201 through 10-204, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle2. Towing
- 12 Companies"
- 13 Article 5 Public Local Laws of Maryland
- 14 (1986 Edition and July 1991 Supplement, as amended)
- 15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

- 17 Article 5 Calvert County
- 18 SUBTITLE 2. TOWING COMPANIES.

19 10-201.

20 IN THIS SUBTITLE, "TOWING COMPANY" MEANS A BUSINESS THAT IS ENGAGED 21 IN THE TOWING, REMOVAL, OR IMPOUNDMENT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.

22 10-202.

23 THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ESTABLISH BY ORDINANCE THE TERMS 24 AND CONDITIONS FOR A TOWING COMPANY LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

25 10-203.

26 A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE A TOWING COMPANY IN THE COUNTY WITHOUT

27 FIRST OBTAINING A LICENSE FROM THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN

28 ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED BY THE COUNTY

29 COMMISSIONERS UNDER § 10-202 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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1 10-204.

(A) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE OR ANY
ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS
GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND UPON CONVICTION MAY BE FINED NOT MORE
THAN \$100.

6 (B) A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION OF THE 7 PERSON'S TOWING COMPANY LICENSE.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 9 July 1, 1996.