

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1283  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Strike beginning with “award” in line 3 down through “term” in line 5 and substitute “issue an accident towing license to any qualified applicant who meets certain requirements of the Baltimore County Code, regardless of the need for additional service; prohibiting Baltimore County from requiring an applicant to have previously held a license; requiring the County to designate a police precinct in the County for each accident towing licensee; requiring a police precinct in the County to call accident towing licensees for services on a rotating basis; requiring the County to issue new accident towing licenses to certain minority business enterprises to the extent possible; requiring the expiration of an accident towing license on a certain date following its issuance; requiring the County to notify a licensee of the expiration in a certain manner and on a certain date before the expiration; prohibiting an accident towing service from providing services until it renews a license; providing that this Act does not require the renewal of or otherwise affect certain licensees”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Strike in their entirety lines 16 through 19, inclusive, and substitute:

“(A) BALTIMORE COUNTY SHALL ISSUE AN ACCIDENT TOWING LICENSE TO ANY QUALIFIED APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 21, TITLE 16 OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY CODE, REGARDLESS OF THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICE IN THE COUNTY.

(B) BALTIMORE COUNTY MAY NOT REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO HAVE PREVIOUSLY HELD AN ACCIDENT TOWING LICENSE.

(C) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, BALTIMORE COUNTY SHALL ISSUE NEW ACCIDENT TOWING LICENSES TO MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AS DEFINED IN

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§ 14-301(F) OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(D) (1) UPON ISSUING AN ACCIDENT TOWING LICENSE, BALTIMORE COUNTY SHALL DESIGNATE A POLICE PRECINCT IN THE COUNTY FOR THE LICENSEE, SUCH THAT EVERY POLICE PRECINCT WILL HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME NUMBER OF LICENSEES TO CALL ON FOR SERVICES.

(2) WHEN CALLING ON ACCIDENT TOWING LICENSEES FOR SERVICES, A POLICE PRECINCT SHALL CALL LICENSEES ON A ROTATING BASIS.

(E) (1) AN ACCIDENT TOWING LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL EXPIRE 3 YEARS FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE.

(2) AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE AN ACCIDENT TOWING LICENSE EXPIRES, BALTIMORE COUNTY SHALL MAIL TO THE LICENSEE, AT THE LAST ADDRESS OF THE LICENSEE SHOWN IN THE RECORDS OF THE COUNTY, NOTICE OF THE DATE ON WHICH THE LICENSE WILL EXPIRE.

(3) ON THE EXPIRATION OF AN ACCIDENT TOWING LICENSE, AN ACCIDENT TOWING SERVICE MAY NOT PROVIDE SERVICES UNTIL IT RENEWS THE ACCIDENT TOWING LICENSE.

(F) THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE THE RENEWAL OF OR OTHERWISE AFFECT A LICENSE ISSUED BEFORE JUNE 1, 2006.”.