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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Baltimore County - Tow Truck Operating Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring Baltimore County to ~~award a certain minimum~~
 4 ~~percentage of accident towing licenses to certain minority owned businesses;~~
 5 ~~defining a certain term~~ issue an accident towing license to any qualified
 6 applicant who meets certain requirements of the Baltimore County Code,
 7 regardless of the need for additional service; prohibiting Baltimore County from
 8 requiring an applicant to have previously held a license; requiring the County to
 9 designate a police precinct in the County for each accident towing licensee;
 10 requiring a police precinct in the County to call accident towing licensees for
 11 services on a rotating basis; requiring the County to issue new accident towing
 12 licenses to certain minority business enterprises to the extent possible;
 13 requiring the expiration of an accident towing license on a certain date following
 14 its issuance; requiring the County to notify a licensee of the expiration in a
 15 certain manner and on a certain date before the expiration; prohibiting an
 16 accident towing service from providing services until it renews a license;
 17 providing that this Act does not require the renewal of or otherwise affect
 18 certain licensees; and generally relating to towing licenses in Baltimore County.

19 BY adding to

20 Article - Transportation

21 Section 25-108

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

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

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Article - Transportation

2 25-108.

3 ~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, "MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE" HAS THE MEANING~~
4 ~~STATED IN § 14-301(F) OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.~~

5 ~~(B) BALTIMORE COUNTY SHALL AWARD AT LEAST 10% OF ACCIDENT TOWING~~
6 ~~LICENSES TO MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.~~

7 (A) BALTIMORE COUNTY SHALL ISSUE AN ACCIDENT TOWING LICENSE TO
8 ANY QUALIFIED APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 21, TITLE
9 16 OF THE BALTIMORE COUNTY CODE, REGARDLESS OF THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL
10 SERVICE IN THE COUNTY.

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

13 (C) TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, BALTIMORE COUNTY SHALL ISSUE NEW
14 ACCIDENT TOWING LICENSES TO MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AS DEFINED IN
15 § 14-301(F) OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
34 effect June 1, 2006.

