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Senate Bill 357

(Senator McCray)

Judicial Proceedings

Baltimore City - Out-of-State Vehicles - Improper Registration

This bill authorizes Baltimore City to tow, remove, or impound a vehicle owned by a new resident of the State who fails to register the vehicle with the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and display valid registration plates within 60 days of residency in the State.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect Baltimore City operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Unless otherwise exempt, each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer driven on a highway in the State must be registered with MVA. Registration is not required for a vehicle owned by a new resident of the State during the first 60 days of residency if the vehicle displays a valid out-of-state registration. If a motor vehicle required to be registered is not registered, a person may not park the unregistered motor vehicle on any public alley, street, or highway or on private property used by the public in general, including parking lots of shopping centers, condominiums, apartments, or town house developments. Also, a person may not drive or attempt to drive a vehicle on any highway in the State without a valid registration as required from MVA.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: HB 332 (Delegate Addison, *et al.*) - Environment and Transportation.

Information Source(s): Baltimore City; Department of State Police; Maryland Department of Transportation; Department of Legislative Services

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