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House Bill 219 (Delegate Addison)
Environment and Transportation

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, as discussed below.

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.

Local Fiscal Effect: The Department of Legislative Services did not receive a response from Baltimore City about the fiscal or operational impact of the bill. However, based on Baltimore City's response to a prior identical bill (Senate Bill 357 and House Bill 332 of 2024 as introduced), this analysis assumes that the bill does not materially affect Baltimore City operations or finances.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See SB 357 and HB 332 of 2024.

Designated Cross File: None.

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