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## THE SENATE OF MARYLAND Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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## Senate Bill 227 Anne Arundel County – Abandoned Vehicles

Good Afternoon Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein and Members of Environment & Transportation,

Thank you for the opportunity to bring this Anne Arundel County bill SB227, to your attention. Last year members of the Anne Arundel County Council began looking at options to deal with vehicles that are being operated illegally within the County.

After looking into options used in other counties, the Anne Arundel County Office of Law advised that the County does not currently have the authority to adopt stronger impoundment laws without additional authority from the States.

This bill as amended authorizes Anne Arundel County to regulate the operation of all-terrain vehicles, off-the-road motorcycles, and motorized minibikes in the County, enforce the Maryland Vehicle Law for violations involving these types of vehicles, and enact local legislation governing impoundment of these types of vehicles.

SB 227 passed the Senate by a vote of 44 to 0.

Thank you again for your consideration and I respectfully request a favorable report on an amended SB 227.