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HB 391

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TO: Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
FROM: Nina Themelis, Interim Director of Mayor's Office of Government Relations
RE: House Bill 391 – Vehicle Laws - Parking Enforcement - Citations

POSITION: Support

Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports** House Bill (HB) 391.

HB 391 requires that parking citations include a box which recipients may tick to indicate that the cited registration plates do not match the vehicle described in the citation. The citation is then returned to the issuer, who must then verify that the right vehicle was cited or dismiss the citation.

The legislation establishes a review process which places the onus on the citing agency and relieves motorists from what can be a daunting appeal process. This would be particularly helpful for motorists who have already reported their tags stolen or when a citation is incorrectly given.

The BCA supports creating standardized processes that have the potential to assist both motorists and parking enforcement agencies. Maryland residents should not have to navigate a cumbersome process when correcting their license or registration information. Additionally, the legislation includes protections for an enforcement agency, in the case where a citation was originally and correctly issued for the vehicle.

For these reasons, the BCA respectfully request an **favorable** report on HB 391.