

HB 0514

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Good afternoon, Chairman Korman, Vice Chairwoman Boyce & Committee Members,

My name is John Olszewski Sr. and I represent the Baltimore County Towers Association. We support HB 0514 amended. We would like to see the bill amended to include Police Initiated Tow (PIT).

To give you some examples of PIT, they could be inoperable vehicles, abandoned vehicles, vehicles involved in an accident etc. These vehicles are eyesores to the community, strewn across local roads or in the case of accidents they shut down roads until the vehicle or vehicles are towed and the road is cleared of debris.

This legislation, if amended, would allow the towers to hold the legal (PIT) vehicle until the bill was paid for the services provided. It is an unwritten rule that this is the process now. This amended legislation would codify that process.

For instance you wouldn't go into a grocery store, fill your cart, then tell the cahier I'm taking my groceries and I'll pay you later. Including (PIT)in this bill would give towers the ability to have a posesary lien on the vehicle until the bill was paid.

Thank you for your time. If anyone has any questions, I'll be more than happy to answer them.