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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Vote Yes to SB 357

Title: Out-of-State Vehicles – Improper Registration

Judicial Proceedings Committee

Hearing: January 31, 2024

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to request your favorable vote on **Senate Bill 357**, a new piece of legislation that will grant Baltimore City the authority to tow, remove, or impound vehicles with ‘ghost tags’, which are vehicles owned by new residents of the State who fail to register their vehicles with the Motor Vehicle Administration and display valid registration plates within a 60-day period). This ensures timely compliance with vehicle registration requirements, and creates a procedure for new residents that ensures adherence to state regulations.

The purpose of **SB357** is to help empower Baltimore City in regulating and enforcing vehicle registration requirements, particularly targeting new residents of the State. By granting the authority to tow, remove, or impound vehicles with ghost tags, this legislation will serve as a deterrent to the people that contribute to decreased road safety and administrative efficiency within Baltimore City.

Significance and Impact: The significance of **SB357** is that it addresses vehicle registration and the management of out-of-state vehicles within Baltimore City. This potentially decreases traffic control challenges, losses of the General Fund revenues, crime risks, and accident risks. By granting the city the authority to tow, remove, or impound vehicles with ghost tags, the legislation will encourage new residents to meet motor vehicle administration requirements. This contributes to road safety which protects us all and also creates a more efficient and organized administrative system. It also benefits the General Fund revenues once vehicles with ghost tags are properly registered and their fees are paid. This bill signifies a commitment to upholding order on our city's roads.

This bill will not require a decrease in the General fund revenues.

This bill prioritizes Maryland citizens and their well-being which is why I would like to urge a favorable report for **Senate Bill 357**.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cory V. McCray', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cory V. McCray
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