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HB0219

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TO: Members of Environment and Transportation Committee
FROM: Nina Themelis, Director of the Mayor's Office of Government Relations
RE: House Bill 219 - Baltimore City - Out-of-State Vehicles - Improper Registration

POSITION: Support

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and Members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports** House Bill (HB) 219.

HB 219 authorizes the City of Baltimore to tow and impound vehicles that are not properly registered in the State of Maryland by residents who have lived in the State for more than 60 days. Existing law already requires new residents who have moved to Maryland to register their vehicles within the state within this time period. In Baltimore City and around the State, there has been an increase in the prevalence of out-of-state license plates. The statewide registration requirement is in place to ensure that vehicle owners are in compliance with critical state motor vehicle laws like vehicle emissions testing, insurance requirements, to ensure compliance with administrative penalties for citations, and other important measures intended to promote public safety.

During calendar year 2023, Baltimore City Department of Transportation's Safety Division issued 34,555 parking citations to vehicles with out-of-state tags. Over 56% (19,486) of the vehicles cited with out of state tags were from one state alone. Additionally, BCDOT Safety Division reports flagging 3,723 vehicles during calendar year 2023 as having no tags displayed at the time of the violation.

The State and the City both have vested interest in determining that vehicles are registered properly to owners who maintain permanent residence within the State of Maryland. The passage of HB 219 will provide Baltimore City the tools necessary to enforce laws that are important to ensuring our public streets are safe and our air quality is clean.

For these reasons, the BCA respectfully request a **favorable** report on HB 219.

HB219 here's my amendment.pdf

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Testimony Against HB0219

Honorable Delegates

Please enter an unfavorable report against HB0084.

I do not support authorizing 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 issued by the Administration within 60 days.

Moving and getting settled is a hectic time with so many items to do or change. I believe that towing new residents who forget to promptly register their car with the MVA, at a time when the city is trying to gain new inhabitants is counter-productive and extremely costly to the new resident.

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