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SB 40: Vehicle Laws - Towed, Removed, or Abandoned Vehicles - Electronic Notice to Owner

Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher and members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present SB 40 on behalf of the Towing and Recovery Professionals of Maryland.

SB 40 is about streamlining processes and the quick resolution of situations where a vehicle is not claimed when towed.

Similar legislation has been voted favorable by this committee over the past two years authorizing the electronic notification of secured parties/lien holders and insurers of records by towers and police departments. This bill extends this process to the vehicle owner. However, it provides additional protections to the vehicle owner by requiring MVA to make the notification using the vehicle owner's email address on file and requires mailed notification if the vehicle owner does not respond within 7 days. TRPM worked with MVA during the interim on this process.

Representatives of TRPM are signed up in support and can respond more specifically to questions about this bill and the current process.

Therefore, I respectfully request the committee give SB 40 a FAVORABLE report to modernize and streamline this notification process.