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SB 322 - Vehicle Laws - Obscured or Modified Registration Plates

Favorable

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
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ATU Local 1300 represents over 3,000 transit workers at the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). This includes bus operators, bus mechanics, rail operators, rail maintenance workers, and more. Our members keep Maryland moving every day.

SB 322 is a commonsense proposal to fix the broken enforcement system for obscured registration plates. People obscure their registration plates for a variety of reasons, but almost all of these offenses include the element of avoiding paying for transportation services as they should. A cottage industry of registration plate modifications and techniques have grown over the last few years as traffic cameras and automated toll enforcement rose in prominence.

It is essential that the public understands intent to avoid identification is not the issue, the issue is avoiding paying for their fair share of transportation infrastructure or reckless driving behavior.

We urge the committee to issue a favorable report on SB 322.