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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee

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DATE: March 31, 2026

RE: **SB 578 Public Safety – Department of State Police – Police-Initiated Towing - Alterations**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

The Towing Recovery Professionals of Maryland (TRPM) SUPPORT SB 578. This bill defines light-duty towing in statute and requires the Maryland Department of State Police (MDSP) to establish maximum rates for police-initiated light-duty towing and recovery similar to how MDSP establishes rates for medium and heavy-duty towing and recovery.

SB 578 is a consumer protection focused bill aimed to provide uniformity and reasonable guidance for the towing industry to follow with respect to the rates charged for police-initiated light-duty towing and recovery. It is the outcome of MDSP and TRPM collaboration on towing matters that come before MDSP.

This bill, and its cross file, HB 30, has been amended to provide clarity and expand the charge of the Committee on Rate Setting and Complaint Resolution for Police-Initiated Light-Duty, Medium-Duty, and Heavy -Duty Towing and Recovery to examine important insurance matters related to vehicles registered and insured out of state and the cost and cleanup of cargo and debris. TRPM supports both bills as amended and the streamlined name incorporated into HB 30.

For these reasons, TRPM urges the Committee to conform SB 578 to HB 30 and issue a **FAVORABLE** report.