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POSITION: Favorable with Amendments

It is the position of MSAA that out of State vehicles should be properly registered in Maryland and therefore there is support for accomplishing that end. It is the position of MSAA that there is not a need for the State's Attorneys to file civil matters to accomplish this result. It is anticipated the State's Attorneys would be required to pay the filing fees, perhaps the costs of getting the registered owner served or the costs of substituted service if the local Sheriff's Office is not able to effect service. In addition to time spent handling these hearings if they are litigated in court.

It is the position of MSAA that this is more appropriate for a County Attorney or City Attorney to be the party who files these claims, if necessary. They typically handle civil matters in their work, as opposed to State's Attorneys who practice criminal law.

The MSAA is respectfully urging removal of the provision for State's Attorneys to file civil actions for these matters.