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	Subject	Council Bill 12-0082: Bed Capacity Fee		

To: President and Members
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c/o 409 City Hall

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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review Council Bill 12-0082 Bed Capacity Fee. The purpose of this bill is to impose a fee on the overnight bed capacity of institutions not subject to property taxation, in order to increase the City's revenue. This bill defines a bed capacity unit as an overnight accommodation made available to a student by a private, post-secondary educational institution or a licensed hospital bed in any facility not currently subject to City property tax. All institutions that are currently exempt from state property tax would be subject to a fee of \$500 per year, per bed capacity unit.

BCHD's mission is to promote a healthy Baltimore City by advocating, leading, and providing services of the highest quality in order to promote and protect the health of the residents of Baltimore.

While BCHD appreciates the opportunity to participate in the hearing on Council Bill 12-0082, we respectfully defer to the agencies tasked with implementing and directly benefiting from the funds.

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