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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review Council Bill 23-0347, entitled “Department of Business Licensing and Consumer Protection.” This ordinance would create the Department of Business Licensing and Consumer Protection (Department) as an independent City agency; provide for the leadership and staffing of the Department; establish the Department’s purpose, powers, and duties; creating the Commission on Business Licensing and Consumer Protection; provide for the membership of the Commission; establish the purpose, powers, and duties of the Commission; transfer the administration of certain business licenses to the Department; repeal certain obsolete Boards; provide for a special effective date; and generally relate to business licensing and consumer protection.

BCHD does not currently oversee the licensing operations that would fall under the purview of a newly created Department of Business Licensing and Consumer Protection. However, BCHD agrees that if the creation of this Department would result in consumers being better protected and licensing processes being made more efficient, this ordinance is warranted. Therefore, BCHD respectfully requests a **favorable** position on Council Bill 23-0347.