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To: President and Members
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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to review Council Bill 12-0139 Waste Haulers – Short Term License. The purpose of this bill is to authorize waste haulers to apply for either an annual license or a 90-day license from the Health Commissioner. It also corrects, clarifies, and conforms related provisions.

Many Waste Hauler licenses are requested by residents who need the license for a limited amount of time, sometimes for a single use. Currently, §7-209 of the Health Code requires that the person obtain an annual license for any use. Additionally, the license currently expires on December 31 of each year, regardless of when the license was obtained.

Council Bill 12-0139 seeks to provide residents with the option of purchasing a short term 90 day license which expires 90 days after issuance. This will allow those needing the license for limited use the opportunity to pay a prorated fee. The bill also changes the expiration of the annual license to the “first annual anniversary of its issuance.” This change means that a person paying the annual fee will get to utilize the license for a full year regardless of the issuance date.

BCHD supports this legislation because it provides a short term license to those seeking one for limited use. This is a matter that frequently comes up when an applicant contacts us about Waste Hauler licenses. This bill provides a remedy. In addition, transitioning the renewal date to the anniversary of issuance will allow those who obtain an annual license later in the year the opportunity to use it for an entire year.

BCHD will participate at the hearing to provide any information that may be needed in assisting the council in making an informed decision.

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