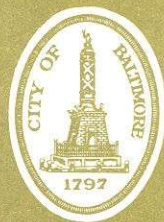


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TO

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle
Room 400 – City Hall

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 13-0262 introduced by Council Member Clarke, President Young, Council Members Henry, Stokes, Kraft, Scott, Middleton, Cole, Holton, Curran, Welch, and Branch.

The purpose of the Bill is to allow Special Traffic Enforcement Officers authority Citywide; expand the agencies that can appoint Special Traffic Enforcement Officers; and generally relating to Special Traffic Enforcement Officers.

Special Traffic Enforcement Officers were established under the Public Local Laws (§ 16-16C) to provide additional personnel, other than Police Officers, to manage traffic. These officers were restricted to the Downtown area by the Legislature, but that restriction was later removed.

Subtitle 72 of Article 19 of the Revised Baltimore City Code establishes these officers and duties and limits their authority to the Downtown Management District established under Article 14 Subtitle 1 of the Code. City Council Bill 13-0262 would remove this restriction and allow them to perform their duties and functions Citywide. It is our understanding that the intent of the legislation is to allow the use of Special Traffic Enforcement Officers for traffic control required at permitted special events around the City. General Services supports this concept but does not believe the Director of General Services needs to be listed as an official who may certify names of employees to the Police Commissioner for appointment as Special Traffic Enforcement Officers. This ability should remain with the Department of Transportation.

Based on these findings, the Department of General Services has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 13-0262 as recommended to be amended.

Respectfully,


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