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City Council Bill #08-0214 Illegal Dumping-Penalties-  
Enforcement

CITY of  
BALTIMORE  
**MEMO**



DATE:  
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TO

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill #08-0214 would enhance the enforcement of the provisions governing waste disposal; authorize the Health Commissioner to abate violations and collect costs, expenses and penalties from responsible parties; and establish a reward program for persons who provide information leading to a finding of illegal dumping.

The Finance Department supports the overall concept of strengthening legislation concerning illegal dumping. However, the Health Department's Division of Environmental Health does not have the resources to perform the provisions of this bill. We respectfully suggest, as does the Health Department, that the bill be amended to allow for enforcement by the Environmental Crimes Unit of the Department of Public Works.

Additionally, we respectfully suggest that provisions establishing a reward program for persons who provide information leading to a finding of illegal dumping be modified from a payment of 50% of all costs, expenses, and penalties collected to a more modest portion of penalties only.

Fines currently collected for illegal dumping are negligible. We can not predict with any degree of certainty an increase in fine revenue related to the passage of this bill.

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