

The Baltimore City Department of
**HOUSING & COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Housing Commissioner *MB*

Date: February 16, 2018

Re: **City Council Bill 18-0179 - Residential Lease Requirements – Required Disclosures**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 18-0179, for the purpose of requiring that certain disclosures be made to tenants signing residential leases; clarifying and conforming related provisions; setting a special effective date; and generally relating to the regulation of residential landlords.

If enacted, this bill would amend Article 13 - Housing and Urban Renewal, Section(s) 7-3 of Baltimore City Code to require that a property owner provide an informational brochure to the tenant at the time of lease signing and at the start of the eviction process. The brochure must contain information on programs for legal representation and mediation and the tenant's rights concerning the amount of rent that is in arrears.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the passage of City Council Bill 18-0179.

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cc: Ms. Karen Stokes, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Kyron Banks, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*