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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) opposes Council Bill 08-0184. The purpose of the Bill is to require certain large waste containers to be registered with the Department of Public Works (DPW).

Bill 08-0184 requires that waste containers with a volume of at least 90 gallons or ½ cubic yard be registered with and regulated by DPW. The current Health Code- Title 7 Waste Control – requires that waste containers that have a capacity of two cubic yards or more be licensed by the Health Department. Bill 08-0184 would overlap the Health Department waste container registration requirements. Duplicative registration requirements for dumpsters would be confusing for constituents and require greater resources expended by the City.

The current Health Code requires the Health Department to register waste haulers and waste containers. If the Waste Control Title in the Health Code currently fails to meet the Council's needs, the responsibility for oversight of waste containers should be placed under one agency for uniform enforcement and oversight.

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