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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL 11-0715		

TO

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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 11-0715 introduced by Council Members Henry, Clarke, Conaway, Stokes, and Curran.

The purpose of the Bill is to modify the composition of the Board of Licenses for Towing Services; authorize the Board to deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license on receipt, within a certain period, of a certain number of valid complaints of unfair or improper business practices; and correct, clarify, and conform related language.

Article 15 Subtitle 22 of the Baltimore City Revised Code addresses trespass towing services. Trespass towers are licensed by the Director of Finance. A Board of Licenses for Towing Services is established under this Subtitle and is authorized and empowered to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to carry out their duties. City Council Bill 11-0715, if approved, would alter the composition of the Board, replace the Director of Public Works with the Director of Transportation, and make all City agency members ex officio. The Bill would also allow the Board to consider revoking, suspending or refuse to renew a trespass towing license if the Board has received five or more valid (individual) complaints of unfair or improper business practices within a six month period.

Ordinance 03-501 (effective March 17, 2003) established a new Department of Transportation and transferred certain powers and duties of the Department of Public Works to the Department of Transportation. Resolution 04-56 (ratified November 2, 2004) added City Charter Article VII §§ 114-116 which established the Department of Transportation as one of the Executive Departments and granted certain powers and duties and as prescribed by law. Due to these legislative and Charter changes, it is appropriate for City Council Bill 11-0715 to replace the Director of Public Works with the Director of Transportation as a member of the Board of Licenses for Towing Services. The Department of Public works defers to the Department of Transportation and the Department of Law on the remaining provisions of the Bill.


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