



## MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 4, 2019  
TO: Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee  
FROM: William H. Cole, President and CEO  
POSITION: Support  
SUBJECT: **City Council Bill 19-0320 - Passenger for Hire Services Tax - Corrective**

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### INTRODUCTION

I am herein reporting on City Council Bill Passenger-for-Hire Services Tax – Corrective (19-0320), introduced by the Council President.

### PURPOSE

This change in ordinance will put Baltimore City in line with existing State law. This change will allow the State to collect tax revenue that will be remitted to the City. Additionally, the change will now allow the City to collect tax revenue from other transportation services, such as Uber and Lyft.

### BRIEF HISTORY

Currently, the City's existing regulations regarding passenger-for-hire services do not conform to the State regulations, forgoing the ability to collect the remittance of excise taxes from the State.

### FISCAL IMPACT

As a result of this corrective bill, the City expects to see increased revenues from passenger-for-hire services, as long as the number of trips occurring within the City or to points outside the City stay constant or increase.

### AGENCY POSITION

The Baltimore Development Corporation supports City Council Bill Passenger-for-Hire Services Tax – Corrective (19-0320).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kim Clark at 410-837-9305 or at [kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com](mailto:kclark@baltimoredevelopment.com).

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