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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 14-0382 – Charter Amendment – Minor Privileges

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has been asked to review City Council Bill 14-0382 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill removes from the City Charter provisions authorizing the Mayor and City Council to regulate, by local law, minor privileges and the issuance of minor privilege permits. The bill defines certain terms; conforms, corrects, and clarifies related language governing franchises; and submits this amendment to the qualified voters of the City for adoption or rejection.

The Law Department notes that, assuming the voters approve the Charter amendment, the amendment becomes effective only after an ordinance is enacted regulating the granting of minor privileges, an activity currently performed under Charter provisions affected by the bill.

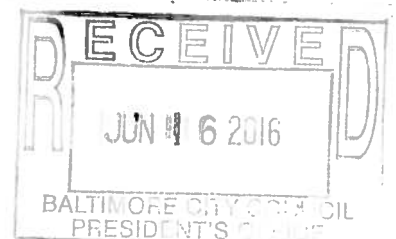
Under Article XI-A, Section 5 of the Maryland Constitution, a resolution of the Mayor and City Council, such as City Council Bill 14-0382, is an appropriate method of initiating an amendment to the Baltimore City Charter. The Law Department, therefore, approves the resolution for form and legal sufficiency as drafted.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor K. Tervala".

Victor K. Tervala
Chief Solicitor

cc: George Nilson, City Solicitor
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