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

Re: City Council Bill 21-0085 – Baltimore City Fire Code – Telephone Access to
9-1-1 Emergency System

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 21-0085 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill is for the purpose of requiring that certain multiple-line telephone systems allow for the direct dial of 9-1-1; defining certain terms; authorizing certain inspections; providing for certain fines; and generally relating to access to the City's 9-1-1 emergency system.

State law authorizes the city to enforce and to set fines for violations of section 1-314 of the Public Safety Article; also known as Kari's law. Md Code Ann. Pub. Safety Art., § 1-314 (d) (1).

The bill can be approved for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ashlea H. Brown".

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