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| <b>FROM</b> | NAME & TITLE          | David E. Scott, P.E., Director                                   | <b>CITY of</b><br><b>BALTIMORE</b><br><b>MEMO</b> |  |
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|             | SUBJECT               | <b>CITY COUNCIL BILL 08-0163</b>                                 |   |   |

**TO**

DATE: March 6, 2009

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
c/o Karen Randle  
Room 400 - City Hall

On March 4, 2009, the Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee and the Land Use and Transportation Committee held a joint hearing on City Council Bill 08-0163, a Bill that would delete live entertainment and dancing as a zoning use category, establish a licensure process in its place, and establish the Board of Licenses for Live Entertainment and an Office of Hospitality Services. During the hearing, our agency position became part of the record, and staff answered questions about our position from Committee members.

At that hearing, Chairman Kraft requested that agencies recommending amendments to the legislation provide them in writing prior to the first community work session (scheduled for March 18, 2009). In response to the Chairman's request, attached is the amendment recommended by the Department of Public Works.

  
 David E. Scott, P.E.  
 Director

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson  
Mr. Avery Aisenstark

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**Attachment**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO:**

**CITY COUNCIL BILL 08-0163**

**Live Entertainment – Licensing and Regulation – Hospitality Services – Promotion  
and Coordination**

**Proposed Amendment**

On Page 19, after line 7, insert:

(XIII) GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**Explanation for Amendment:**

On July 1, 2009, the current Bureau of General Services will become the Department of General Services. The functions the bureau currently performs under the Department of Public Works will transfer to the newly created Department (Resolution 08-03; Charter Amendment adopted by the qualified voters of the City in November, 2008).

General Services issues permits, including Minor Privilege permits (require approval by the Board of Estimates), which can include permanent and temporary uses of the rights-of-way. Some of these proposed uses relate to entertainment and hospitality services (e.g. outdoor restaurant seating). Therefore, it is recommended that the Bill anticipate the formation of the Department of General Services and include it in the list of agencies that will coordinate their regulatory functions with the Director of Hospitality Services.