## CITY OF BALTIMORE

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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

> City Council Bill 13-0194 - Ticket Agencies - Temporary Modifications Re:

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 13-0194 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would delete several sections in Subtitle 21 (Ticket Agencies) of Article 15 (Licensing and Regulation) of the City Code. The bill would also modify language in Section 55-1 of Article 21 (Ticket Agencies) of Article 19 (Police Ordinances) of the City Code. These changes would be in effect only until November 1, 2013. The stated purpose of this temporary change is to allow the Mayor and City Council to revisit the City's licensing scheme for ticket sellers, permitted services charges, scalping, and other consumer protections relating to the sale of tickets to performances in the City.

As there are no legal impediments to this bill, the Law Department approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

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Assistant Solicitor

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