

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 24-0213R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes
Introduced and adopted: February 26, 2024

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

**Request for State Action – Support for HB332 – Baltimore
City – Out of State Vehicles – Improper Registration**

FOR the purpose of urging the General Assembly to pass and Governor Wes Moore to sign
HB332 – Baltimore City – Out of State Vehicles – Improper Registration.

Recitals

The presence of improperly registered Virginia tags in Maryland has contributed to jurisdictional conflict between the 2 states. “Pop-up” shops around Baltimore City advertise the sale of Virginia tags. These tags circumvent emissions testing requirements and serve to obstruct law enforcement efforts. This improper registration offers no way of tracking the vehicles and owners involved in traffic collisions without automotive insurance or those who use their vehicles to commit crime in the City.

This City Council calls upon the General Assembly to pass HB332 – Baltimore City – Out of State Vehicles – Improper Registration. This bill, which has the support of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, would authorize the City to tow, remove, or impound a vehicle owned by a new Maryland resident that has not been registered with the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration and has not displayed valid registration plates within 60 days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That this City Council calls upon the General Assembly to pass and Governor Wes Moore to sign HB332 – Baltimore City – Out of State Vehicles – Improper Registration.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of Maryland, the Director of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, the Director of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Director of the Parking Authority of Baltimore City, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly, and the Mayor’s legislative liaison to the City Council.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
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