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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #15-0540 Social Host Regulation – Neighborhood Nuisances and Unruly Social Event		

TO: Honorable President Bernard “Jack” Young
and Members Of the City Council
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The Baltimore City Environmental Control Board (ECB) is pleased to have the opportunity to review Council Bill #15-0540, Social Host Regulation – Neighborhood Nuisances and Unruly Social Event. The purpose of the bill is to extend the current provisions that address neighborhood nuisances to include unruly social events; define the responsibilities of owners, operators, tenants, occupants of, and persons with possessory interests in the premises; and to repeal the current enforcement mechanism of an environmental citation, heard by the Environmental Control Board, providing instead for civil enforcement, with a civil citation issued by the Baltimore City Police Department and heard by the District Court.

The violation code for Social Host Regulation was added to the ECB database in May 2012. Since that date there have been 30 citations issued, all of which were issued by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Hearings were conducted for nine of those citations. Six citations are currently unresolved. One of the six unresolved citations is a current citation (issued in May 2015) and the remaining five are in default status.

Due to the limited number of environmental citations that have been issued for this offense, the proposed change to civil enforcement will not have a significant impact on the operations of the ECB.

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