



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

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| TO | The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council |
| FROM | Erin C. Murphy – Director of Government Affairs – Baltimore Police Department |
| CC | Mayor’s Office of Government Relations |
| DATE | 2/21/25 |
| SUBJECT | 25-0001 Department of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing |

Position: Favorable

BILL SYNOPSIS

The Baltimore Police Department (BPD) has reviewed Council Bill 25-0001, for the purpose of creating the Department of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing; providing for the leadership and staffing of the Department; establishing the Department’s purpose, powers, and duties; creating the Board of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing; providing for the membership of the Board; establishing the purpose, powers, and duties of the Board; transferring the administration of certain business licenses to the Department; repealing certain obsolete Boards; allowing the Department to suspend a certain license if the licensee engages in unfair, abusive, and deceptive trade practices; providing for a special effective date; making conforming changes; and generally relating to consumer protection and business licensing.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The Baltimore Police Department has no objections to City Council Bill 25-0001. BPD’s licensing units intend to work jointly with the Department of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing as defined in the legislation. Thank you for allowing BPD time to consider, comment on, and review this bill thoroughly.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Baltimore Police department does not anticipate a fiscal or staffing increase, nor any significant savings, if this legislation is enacted.

AMENDMENTS

The Baltimore Police Department has no requested amendments for Council Bill 25-0001.