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Executive Director, HABC
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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin, Executive Secretary

From: Michael Braverman, Acting Commissioner *MEB*

Date: June 22, 2017

Re: **City Council Bill 17-0075 - Zoning – Legislative Authorizations –
Corrective**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0075, for the purpose of deleting a Council-hearing deadline that fails to account for the required procedures and time-frames for seeking and obtaining preliminary agency reviews and reports to the Council; providing for a special effective date; and generally relating to Council procedures for bills proposing legislative authorizations.

If enacted, this bill would delete the requirement in Article 32 – Zoning §5-507(a)(1) for a public city council hearing to be scheduled within 90 days of introduction of a bill. Scheduling a hearing within 90 days of introduction is not always possible because of scheduling challenges due to the requirement to have a bill heard by the Planning Commission prior to the hearing and the requirement that all scheduled hearings must be announced at a City Council meeting.

The Department of Housing and Community Development supports the passage of City Council Bill 17-0075.

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cc: Ms. Karen Stokes, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Kyron Banks, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*

