

TRANSMITTAL MEMO

TO: Council President Brandon M. Scott
FROM: Peter Little, Executive Director
DATE: September 3, 2019
RE: Council Bill 19-0431



I am herein reporting on City Council Bill 19-0431 introduced by Councilmembers Dorsey, Cohen, Henry, Burnett, Bullock, and Clarke.

The purpose of this bill is to consolidate the licensing and regulation of towing services in Baltimore City under one administrative body; defining certain terms; establishing the Board of Towing to regulate certain towing services in Baltimore City; requiring a license to perform certain towing services; specifying certain towing services that require additional certification; establishing certain standards of operation; prohibiting certain conduct; imposing certain penalties; allowing for licensure sanctions in certain situations; establishing a hearing process for licensure discipline; allowing for appeals in certain situations; and generally relating to the licensing and regulation of towing services in Baltimore City.

The Baltimore City Parking Authority has reviewed this bill and has no concerns about it. The bill will not inhibit the operation of licensed parking facilities, including those owned by the City. The bill will further clarify towing regulations. Therefore, the Parking Authority supports this bill.