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## HEARING NOTES

Bill: 25-0018

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### Title Emergency Scene – Unauthorized Prohibited Persons

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**Committee:** Public Safety  
**Chaired by:** Mark Conway

**Hearing Date:** 04/29/2025  
**Time (Beginning):** 1:45 PM  
**Time (Ending):** 1:55 PM  
**Location:** Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex Virtual Hearing  
**Total Attendance:** Approximately 20 people  
**Committee Members in Attendance:**  
Zach Blanchard, Mark Conway, Danielle McCray, Paris Gray Phylicia Porter

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<b>Bill Synopsis in the file?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Attendance sheet in the file?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Agency reports read?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Evidence of notification to property owners?</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Final vote taken at this hearing?</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Motioned by:</b> .....	NO		
<b>Final Vote:</b> .....			

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### Major Speakers

*(This is not an attendance record.)*

Ty'lor Schnellla – Liaison – Mayor's office of Government Relations  
James Wallace – Chief – Baltimore City Fire Dept

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### Major Issues Discussed

1. Chair Conway called the hearing to order and noted attendance and read the bills into the hearing.
2. Councilwoman Ramos Comments
3. State Del. Amprey Comments

4. Agency Reports
5. Law
  - a. MOGR
    - i. Amendments – offered
    - ii. Sponsor mentioned looking into an amendment about volunteer organization - i.e. red cross
6. Questions from the committee
  - a. Asking about BCFD feeling about this bill
    - i. BCFD supports with Amendments- they have a obligation to protect life and maintain a permitter.
  - b. Should we be adding an addition for chemical experts
    - i. There would be a benefit to adding subject matter experts to the list of exceptions.
  - c. How does BCFD assess who comes onto a scene
    - i. Based on incident – i.e. a building inspector if there may be a structural collapse. Subject matter experts to help mitigate the scene.
    - ii. Have we developed a process for who should be allowed on?
    - iii. MOGR – we may not wish to be too prescriptive and give the commanders as much flexibility as possible.
    - iv. BCFD – we have to keep the scene as isolated as possible. Services can be down the block like MONSE does with stabilization services.
  - d. Who do we document noncompliance
    - i. BCFD – it would be a part of the fire record – and then could be added if BPD had to get involved.
    - ii. Ramos – there is a 500 fine and possibly misdemeanor
  - e. How often is this a problem?
    - i. No official numbers – most people do follow request to leave but some don't try to be understanding of family members.
  - f. How long after fire can someone come to the scene
    - i. Once BCFD leaves it goes back to property unless someone else like BPD, or the ATF or someone else is investigating.
7. Floor Open to Public Testimony – see record in file
8. Recessed at 1:45 PM

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### Further Study

**Was further study requested?**  
**If yes, describe.**

Yes     No

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**Committee Vote:**

M. Conway: .....  
Z. Blanchard: .....  
D. McCray: .....  
P. Gray: .....  
A. Glover: .....  
P. Porter: .....  
I. Schleifer: .....

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Tony Leva, Committee Staff

Date: April 29, 2025

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