

**THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
PUBLIC HEARING**

**Bill 19-157, the “D.C. Professional Sports Team License Plates
Establishment Act of 2011”**

**Bill 19-194, the “Compulsory No Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance
Amendment Act of 2011”**

**Bill 19-330, the “Access to Selective Service Registration
Amendment Act of 2011”**

**Bill 19-552, the “Criminal Penalty for Unregistered Motorist Repeal
Amendment Act of 2011”**

and

B19-244, the “Automated Traffic Enforcement Act of 2011”



**Testimony of
Lucinda Babers, Director
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**Before the
Committee on the Environment, Public Works and Transportation
Mary Cheh, Chairperson**

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Good Morning, Chairperson Cheh, members of the Committee and Council, and your staffs. My name is Lucinda Babers, and I am the Director of the District's Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). I am joined today by Assistant Chief Patrick Burke and Kelly O'Meara of the Metropolitan Police Department. We are here to provide the Administration's perspective on five proposed bills.

Bill 19-157, the "D.C. Professional Sports Team License Plates Establishment Act of 2011", would establish specialty license plates for professional sports teams. The Administration does not have any objections to the passage of this proposed bill. However, due to system program changes and inventory design needs, we would recommend a six month implementation period. Additionally, we would recommend removing the Washington Freedom from the proposed bill and changing the Washington Bayhawks to Chesapeake Bayhawks.

Bill 19-194, the "Compulsory No Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Amendment Act of 2011", would compel insurance carriers authorized to sell motor vehicle insurance in the District to provide monthly records to DMV pertaining to each of their insured motorists. This proposed bill would legislate our current process and result in no significant changes.

Bill 19-330, the "Access to Selective Service Registration Amendment Act of 2011", would require all men between 18 and 25 years of age to register with the Selective Service when they obtain or renew their driver's license. Although the Administration supports this bill, we would recommend including a six month implementation period for system program and application changes. Additionally, we would recommend the bill also includes those individuals obtaining or renewing an identification card.

Bill 19-552, the "Criminal Penalty for Unregistered Motorist Repeal Amendment Act of 2011", would repeal criminal penalties that made the driver of nonregistered and expired vehicles subject to arrest and institute a schedule of civil penalties. The Department of Motor Vehicles and the Metropolitan Police Department coordinated on this proposed bill which has been implemented on an emergency basis.

B19-244, the “Automated Traffic Enforcement Act of 2011”, would remove the ability of a vehicle owner to transfer liability of a camera ticket to another person or business. Since camera tickets are treated like parking tickets such that points are not assessed, this proposed change would be consistent with current law regarding parking tickets and vehicle ownership liability.

This concludes my testimony. I am available to respond to any questions. Thank you.
