- (I) A U. S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MOTOR CARRIER NUMBER; OR
- (II) AN INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION MOTOR CARRIER AUTHORITY NUMBER.
- (J) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A VEHICLE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED IN THE STATE.
- (2) A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE A TOW TRUCK FOR HIRE UNLESS THE TOW TRUCK IS REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION.
- (3) A PERSON CONVICTED OF OPERATING A TOW TRUCK IN VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE OF UP TO \$3,000. 25–203.
- (A) A police department may take any abandoned vehicle into custody. For this purpose, the police department may use its own personnel, equipment, and facilities or, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, use other persons, equipment, and facilities for removing, preserving, and storing abandoned vehicles.
- (B) A POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT AUTHORIZE THE USE OF A TOW TRUCK UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION UNLESS THE TOW TRUCK IS REGISTERED UNDER § 13–920 OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993.

Approved May 27, 1993.

## **CHAPTER 583**

(House Bill 1101)

## AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Credit - Increase in Assessments Baltimore City - Vacant Property

FOR the purpose of requiring the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain residential real property that was vacant before substantial improvements were made to the property; providing for the computation of the tax credit; providing for continuing compliance with the local housing code as a condition of eligibility for the tax credit; providing that the tax credit is transferable; requiring the Department of Assessments and Taxation to assist the local jurisdictions in the implementation of this Act; authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; providing for the construction of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to a property tax credit for substantially