

## **Residential Permit Parking--Administration and Governance (Bill 09-0423)**

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Would strip the Parking Authority of Baltimore City's right to administer the residential parking-permit program, and give it to the Department of Transportation.

On Nov. 8, *The Baltimore Sun* published a long and curiously detailed article depicting an alleged crisis of leadership in the city's Parking Authority. Executive Director Peter Little's \$123,600 job is on the line because of alleged mismanagement of the residential-permit system, which requires the residents of 42 neighborhoods to obtain numbered window stickers in exchange for the privilege of parking for more than two hours at a time on the street. The story says a new computer system allows non-resident cheaters to park while locking out honest homeowners, and discloses a mutiny by five Parking Authority managers, who wrote a letter to the authority's five-member volunteer board urging Little's ouster. Councilman William H. Cole (D-11th District) sponsored the eight-page bill, which mostly blots out "Parking Authority" and inserts "Department of Transportation" as the new boss of the neighborhood-parking program. The Department of Transportation is already in charge of issuing parking tickets.