

# HOUSE BILL 356

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By: **Delegate Qi**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Corporations and Associations – Filing Fee Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to study  
4 and make recommendations regarding certain filing fees on or before a certain date;  
5 and generally relating to filing fees for business enterprises.

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
7 That, on or before January 1, 2022, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation  
8 shall:

9 (1) review the filing fees and associated requirements of neighboring states  
10 that are equivalent or substantially similar to the filing fees required under § 1–203(b)(3)(ii)  
11 of the Corporations and Associations Article; and

12 (2) report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the  
13 State Government Article, recommendations to make Maryland more competitive with  
14 neighboring states, including whether to establish less frequent filing requirements,  
15 decrease fees, or establish a sliding fee scale.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2021.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

