

Chapter 406

**(House Bill 356)**

AN ACT concerning

**Corporations and Associations – Filing Fee Study**

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

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

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

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

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

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.**