

HB 8-Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law-Yard Waste- SUPPORT

Mr. Chairman and Committee,

My name is Terry Hurley, I am the state legislative representative for Abate of Maryland. We are a motorcyclist rights organization. We represent all motorcyclists in Maryland.

I respectfully submit to you my written testimony for bill HB8 as follows:

We (Abate of Maryland) support HB8 as it pertains to safety of all individuals, not just motorcyclists. Yard waste blown onto our roads becomes dangerous to users. Grass and leaves are like "black ice" to us. Serious injury and also death have occurred due to this practice.

Environmental issues are also at play here. Yard waste can clog our drainage systems, nutrients from grass clippings enter our watershed, contributing to algae blooms and dead zones in our bay.

Other states have already adopted laws regarding this practice and many more are getting on board.

We (Abate of Maryland) look forward to a favorable report on HB8 and we thank you for your consideration.

Thank you,

Terry Hurley (signed)

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