Senate Bill 158

Amendment offered by: Maryland Hotel and Lodging Association

1. On page 2, line 1 - insert:

<u>Useful life means the length of time that a bed in a lodging establishment is still durable, safe, and acceptable to be in service at the lodging establishment.</u>

2. On page 2, line 12- insert:

"(c) The requirement in section B shall begin after the useful life of a bed and mattress in an accessible room is complete."

Purpose: This amendment allows for beds to be switched out once the useful life is complete. This way it will not be an undue cost on hotels that have recently placed new, or have completely durable beds, in use. With 81,000 hotel rooms in the state, and the requirement that at least 5% be accessible rooms, there will still be good turnover of new accessible beds each year. This amendment allows for a smooth and fair phase-in of this law.

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