



Maryland Municipal League
The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

February 27, 2020

Committee: House Ways and Means

Bill: HB 1280 - Admissions and Amusement Tax - Small Business Exemption

Position: Oppose

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League opposes HB 1280 which exempts businesses that gross less than \$75,000 per year from a municipal admissions and amusement (A&A) tax.

Municipalities in Maryland are limited in the ways in which they can generate revenue and the A&A tax is one tax municipalities are authorized to impose; even though not every one does. Adding another exemption of certain businesses from the A&A tax in municipalities further erodes a tax base on which some municipalities rely heavily. Even a slight reduction in municipal revenue from this A&A tax carve out would likely result in a reduction in services or a tax hike on property owners.

For these reasons we respectfully request that the committee report HB 1280 unfavorably.

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