



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

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Committee: House Environment & Transportation

Bill: SB 382 – Accessory Dwelling Unit Promotion and Policy Task Force

Position: Support with amendments

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League generally supports SB 382, which creates a task force to study Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in Maryland. Maryland is experiencing a housing crisis which can only be alleviated with a comprehensive and well-researched approach, and we applaud the Sponsors' intent. The League was concerned with the original bill, but after much collaboration with the Sponsor, we now support its current posture with one amendment.

Maryland's local governments have traditionally maintained their own authority over planning and zoning decisions. Local government leaders are the most familiar with the needs of their residents, the culture of their communities, and the limits of their land and infrastructure. The needs of our rural communities can vary greatly from those of our urban communities, for example. Maryland's 157 municipalities are simply too diverse for a one-size-fits-all approach. Any study of housing solutions must consider all the dynamics at play. For these reasons, we respectfully request an amendment to expand the Task Force to include one MML representative from an urban area, and one MML representative from a rural area.

We appreciate the Sponsor's openness to these amendments and look forward to continuing to work together. With this amendment, the League would respectfully request that this committee provide SB 382 with a favorable report.

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