



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

TESTIMONY

January 24, 2023

Committee: House Ways and Means Committee

Bill: HB 57 – Property Tax – Tax Sales – Requirement to Sell

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 57, which would allow municipalities to set their own timeline for tax sales, potentially keeping more homeowners in their homes.

Current law requires local governments to bring a property to tax sale when it is in arrears for at least two years. While an important tool, this is often not the ideal outcome for homeowners and jurisdictions alike.

HB 57 provides the flexibility for local governments to extend the window of outreach and assistance for homeowners most in need of that support. For these reasons, the League respectfully requests that this committee provide House Bill 57 with a favorable report.

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