



## **Senate Bill 896**

**Committee: Environment and Transportation**

**Bill: Senate Bill 896 – Real Property - Residential Rental Property - Pet Policy Disclosure (Pet Policy Transparency Act)**

**Date: 2/25/25**

**Position: Informational**

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The Maryland Multi-Housing Association (MMHA) is a professional trade association established in 1996, whose members house more than 538,000 residents of the State of Maryland. MMHA's membership consists of owners and managers of more than 210,000 rental housing homes in over 958 apartment communities and more than 250 associate member companies who supply goods and services to the multi-housing industry.

As amended, Senate Bill 896 ("SB 896") requires the landlord of a residential rental property to provide the property's pet policy on the property's website and in applications for a rental unit on the property.

MMHA would like to thank the sponsors and advocates for engaging with our Association members during the interim to work on this legislation. The amendments made to the legislation in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee are practical and improve SB 896. For informational purposes, if this legislation is enacted as amended, MMHA would again request liberality in the implementation of this bill as housing providers become aware and work to comply. Additionally, it is the view of MMHA that the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Office of Tenant and Landlord Affairs should promote and campaign this legislation to the multi-housing industry and work collaboratively with housing providers to achieve proper compliance with the law.

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