

I am Jerry Garson writing on HB 1544. I am opposed to the bill and ask you to vote no in committee.

As of now (5:00 PM Monday) the Fiscal and Policy Note has not been released by the Department of Legislative Services, so the Legislature can not see the projected losses in revenue caused by HB 1554.

What percentage of the jobs in the following business to you hope to lose in Maryland by passing this bill. These businesses can easily relocate to Virginia, Washington DC, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The list of businesses is as follows.

Accountants
Advertising
Appraisals
Art, Music, and Cultural Affairs
Commerce and Business
Contractors
Landscape Architects
Lobbying
Motor Vehicle Repair
Photography
Sports and Recreation
Tax Preparers
Telecommunications and Information Technology

If these businesses relocate, they will stop paying sales taxes on purchases such as software and office supplies. There will also be a reduction in Maryland Real Estate taxes collected.

If these businesses relocate to Delaware, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia the Income Taxes will be paid to that State and the Residents of Maryland will get a credit that will reduce the amount of income taxes paid to Maryland.

Does the proposal also require Businesses in other states that receive the services from Maryland pay sales taxes to Maryland.

Will Maryland businesses that use consultants that are in New York State have to pay Sales Tax to Maryland for these services.