

**HB0577/433623/1**

BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 577  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute “**Housing and Community Development – Study on the Establishment of a Homeless Shelter Licensing Program**”; and strike beginning with “a” in line 4 down through “shelters” in line 8 and substitute “the Study on the Establishment of a Homeless Shelter Licensing Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; and generally relating to the Study on the Establishment of a Homeless Shelter Licensing Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 9 on page 1 through line 19 on page 6, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) There is a Study on the Establishment of a Homeless Shelter Licensing Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development.

(b) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall hire one new full-time permanent employee to conduct the Study.

(c) The Study shall:

(1) review current habitability and admissions standards of homeless shelters in the State;

**HB0577/433623/01 Environment and Transportation Committee**  
**Amendments to HB 577**  
**Page 2 of 2**

(2) recommend a basic habitability and admission standard for homeless shelters in the State; and

(3) recommend a plan to establish a program within the Department of Housing and Community Development to license homeless shelters in the State.

(d) On or before July 1, 2025, the Study shall report its findings and recommendations to the Assistant Secretary of the Homeless Solutions Division of the Department of Housing and Community Development.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of July 31, 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.