

SENATE BILL 26

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senators Kagan, Young, King, and Peters**

Requested: July 18, 2016

Introduced and read first time: January 11, 2017

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland False Claims Act – Municipal Corporations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “governmental entity” to include a municipal
4 corporation for purposes of the Maryland False Claims Act; providing for the
5 application of this Act; and generally relating to false claims against municipal
6 corporations.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – General Provisions

9 Section 8–101(e)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2014 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – General Provisions**

15 8–101.

16 (e) “Governmental entity” means:

17 (1) the State; [or]

18 (2) a county; OR

19 **(3) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to
2 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or
3 application to any cause of action arising before the effective date of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2017.