

# HOUSE BILL 383

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By: **Delegates J. Long, Alston, and Korman**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Municipalities – Limiting Access to Beaches – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a municipality from limiting access to a certain area of a  
4 beach to residents of the municipality; and generally relating to restricting access to  
5 municipal beaches.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Local Government  
8 Section 4–112  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2013 Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

### 13 **Article – Local Government**

14 **4–112.**

15 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A BEACH IN THE STATE THAT IS OWNED**  
16 **BY A MUNICIPALITY.**

17 **(B) A MUNICIPALITY MAY NOT LIMIT ACCESS TO THE AREA OF A BEACH**  
18 **THAT IS ABOVE THE MEAN HIGH TIDE, AFFECTED BY THE REGULAR RISE AND FALL**  
19 **OF THE TIDE, SOLELY TO RESIDENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2026.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

