



Maryland Municipal League
The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

March 4, 2020

Committee: House Environment and Transportation

Bill: HB 1540 – Environment – Mold Inspections – Standards, Reporting, and Penalties

Position: Oppose

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League opposes HB 1540, which would require local jurisdictions to conduct – or hire a third-party inspector to conduct – annual mold inspections of all public and private school facilities, licensed child care centers, nursing homes, assisted living facilities for the elderly, and rental dwellings.

MML's membership has no concerns complying with the bill's requirements on facilities owned and operated by cities and towns.

However, the League is opposed to performing these inspections on the private properties listed. Maryland's municipalities, by and large, do not perform the same routine inspections that counties perform. They do not have the staff capacity. This would especially be true of HB 1540 given the large universe of facilities to which it would apply annually. Most municipalities would have to hire additional staff or a third-party inspector.

The League therefore respectfully requests that this committee provide HB 1540 with an unfavorable report.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott A. Hancock	Executive Director
Candace L. Donoho	Government Relations Specialist
Bill Jorch	Manager, Government Relations & Research
Justin Fiore	Manager, Government Relations

1212 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

410-268-5514 | 800-492-7121 | FAX: 410-268-7004 | www.mdmunicipal.org