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**HB 580**

**Maryland Department of Health -  
Biosafety Level 3 Laboratories**

**County Position: SUPPORT**

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Committee: Health and Government Operations

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner urges your **SUPPORT** for House Bill 580 – Maryland Department of Health – Biosafety Level 3 Laboratories.

County Executive Gardner supports the provisions in the proposed legislation for the following reasons:

- Specifically targets laboratories designated as Biosafety Level 3 (BSL-3) by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the National Institutes of Health, Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories based on their use of biological agents that may cause serious or potentially lethal disease upon exposure;
- Pertains only to biomedical laboratories in the State that do not work with federally regulated biological select agents, toxins or their products, are commercial or for-profit, are owned by or are part of a teaching hospital or institution of postsecondary education, or which are privately funded; and
- Requires appropriate notification and information sharing with the Department of Health and with the local health officer and emergency management officials necessary to ensure public safety and the safety of health officials, first responders, and local emergency personnel.

Frederick County Executive Gardner urges favorable **SUPPORT** for House Bill 580.

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