



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

January 27, 2021

Committee: Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

Bill: SB 306 – Enterprise Zones – Reimbursement to Local Governments – Request Deadline and Recovery of Overpayments

Position: Oppose

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League opposes SB 306. While no municipality has missed this deadline to-date, *the concept of barring legitimate reimbursements is concerning*. Sometimes deadlines are missed for reasons outside of local control. The deadline for precluding reimbursements in this program seems reasonable, and municipal governments should be able to deal with extenuating circumstances if something forces them to miss the initial deadline. But the League is concerned that this could set a precedent to be applied to other State programs with harder to meet, shorter deadlines.

Further, SB 306 appears to be a solution without a problem. The bar for setting precedent on issues as important as recouping legitimate reimbursements should be more than theoretical.

For those reasons, the Maryland Municipal League opposes SB 306 and respectfully requests an unfavorable committee report.

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