

Senate Bill 288 - Income Tax - Carried Interest - Additional Tax

Position: Oppose

Maryland REALTORS® opposes SB 288 which suggests a 17% tax rate on "carried interest' rather than the existing capital gains rate which would be a significant tax increase.

SB 288 would require *caried interest* to be classified as ordinary income rather than a capital gain. A carried interest is an incentive or profits interest in a business arrangement that is larger as a share of the total return than the share of the initial investment – which also takes into consideration risk and management expertise. Currently, management fees for fund managers are already taxed at the current income tax rates and Maryland REALTORS® does not believe a carried interest loophole currently exists.

Maryland REALTORS encourages an unfavorable report of SB 288.

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