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**HB1257 Business Personal Property Tax – Businesses Affected by COVID-19
Restrictions – Reimbursement
Ways and Means Committee
March 9, 2021**

Position: Favorable

Background: HB1257 would provide a reimbursement for business personal property taxes paid by businesses that were adversely affected by COVID-19 restrictions.

Comments: The Maryland Retailers Association strongly supports the reimbursement proposed by HB1257. Businesses across the state were, through no fault of their own, unable to operate through most of 2020 due to the restrictions put in place to combat the spread of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. Assistance funds, when they were even available, dried up quickly and businesses have struggled to stay afloat. Providing a reimbursement for business personal property tax paid in 2020 would make an enormous difference to help Maryland's businesses to make it to the other side of the current economic crisis.

We would respectfully urge a favorable report on HB1257. Thank you for your consideration.