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BILL: Senate Bill 342 – Maryland Military Department – Sale of Superfluous Armories

COMMITTEE: Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

DATE: January 19, 2021

POSITION: Support

The Maryland Department of General Services and the Maryland Military Department support Senate Bill 342.

Under Senate Bill 342, armory properties that are surplus to the Military Department will be considered for other state agency use through the Clearinghouse process before they are offered for sale to a local government or offered for sale to the public. If a state agency expresses interest in the armory property, the procedural requirements for the State are reduced.

Senate Bill 342 retains the ability of the State to transfer a surplus armory to another agency for continued use without acquiring property on the open market and paying for appraisals and title work needed for a new acquisition. This will provide a cost savings to the State.

Please note that the text under section 13-217(a)(2) should refer to the Department of Planning not the Department of Budget and Management. Committee staff has been advised of this so that an amendment can be prepared and offered.

For these reasons we respectfully provide this letter of support. Should there be any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Departments.

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