



**HB662 Anne Arundel County – Property Tax Credit for
Business Entities – State of Emergency
Ways and Means Committee
February 9, 2021**

Position: Favorable

Background: HB662 would authorize the Anne Arundel County government to grant a county property tax credit for businesses affected by an officially declared State of Emergency.

Comments: The Maryland Retailers Association enthusiastically supports HB662 and efforts made to relieve financial burdens, where possible, on businesses struggling with the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We all understand the devastating effects that closure periods and limited capacity restrictions have had on businesses. The forward-thinking nature of HB662 keeps businesses at the forefront not only in 2021 but also during future States of Emergency as the proposed property tax credit would lower the operating costs of businesses in Anne Arundel County during that time.

Thank you for your consideration, and we urge a favorable report on HB662.