



MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY  
PARK & RECREATION ADMINISTRATORS  
(MACPRA)

**2021 MD General Assembly  
House Bill 857**

*Establishing a chain-of-custody reporting requirement for synthetic turf fields in Maryland.*

Maryland Association of County Park &  
Recreation Administrators

To: Environment and Transportation

Date: February 22, 2021

From: Steve Miller, MACPRA President

Position: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS**

On behalf of the Maryland Association of County Park & Recreation Administrators (MACPRA),  
**MACPRA SUPPORTS HB 857 WITH AMENDMENTS.**

As a professional association of agencies responsible for providing safe facilities and activities for Maryland residents, MACPRA supports the general purpose of HB 857 of establishing a statewide inventory of synthetic turf fields through a reporting mandate. MACPRA promotes the safe use, re-use, and/or disposal of synthetic turf surfaces and infill materials and a statewide inventory could assist in this effort.

However, MACPRA has concerns over existing language in the bill that could significantly increase costs for Counties by putting excessive obligations on producers, manufacturers or transporters of these products. MACPRA also opposes the approval process outlined in the bill which is unnecessary. Therefore, MACPRA would like to see the following amendments to the bill:

1. **Remove the MDE approval requirement beginning on page 3, line 19.**
2. **Edit language throughout the bill to narrow the bill's scope to reporting only.** MACPRA believes the bill should be exclusive to reporting responsibilities that should track ownership of fields and associated materials.



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We urge the Committee to consider this testimony with respect to the proposed legislation and **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS.**

*The Maryland Association of County Park & Recreation Administrators (MACPRA) is an affiliate of the Maryland Association of Counties and represents County Parks and Recreation departments, including Baltimore City – the professionals engaged in the delivery of Parks and Recreation services throughout Maryland.*