



Maryland Municipal League
The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

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Committee: House Health and Government Operations

Bill: HB 454– State and Local Procurement – Payment Practices

Position: Oppose

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League opposes HB 454 which would shorten the timeframe within which State agencies and local governments must make payments under procurement contracts from 30 days to 15 days after (1) the day on which the payment becomes due or (2) the day on which the agency receives an invoice.

Maryland cities and towns already work diligently to process payments to the awardee of procurement contracts. In most cases, this is a simple and quick endeavor. Our concerns lie with construction and other contracts where there is a substantial amount of detail in the invoice that needs to be reviewed and approved by personnel, often in different departments. With the complexities on these types of invoices – in addition to the many duties that personnel have and the possibility of leave time for the project manager – it is not reasonable to expect a 15-day turnaround on all procurement invoices.

The League therefore respectfully requests that this committee provide HB 454 with an unfavorable report.

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