



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

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March 17, 2021

Committee: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

Bill: HB 451 – Real Property – Residential Rental Property Inspection – Remote Video Inspection

Position: Informational

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League opposed HB 451 as introduced. The bill would have required municipalities to adopt and carry out remote video inspections during a protracted state of emergency. Municipalities already have the authority to conduct remote inspections and most have been doing so regularly throughout the pandemic. Some members are conducting these inspections through photos as opposed to video for privacy reasons. Smaller members, that may not have the training or equipment to adequately conduct video inspections, have developed other protocol to keep residents safe during these times. As amended in the House, the League agreed to remove its opposition.

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