



The Greater Ocean City, Maryland  
Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

**TESTIMONY OFFERED ON BEHALF OF  
THE GREATER OCEAN CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**IN OPPOSITION TO:**

**SB0254 – Public Safety – Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards – Adoption**

**Before:**

**SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE**

**February 3, 2021 at 11:00 AM**

The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, representing more than 850 regional businesses and job creators, **strongly opposes** **Senate Bill 0254 – Public Safety – Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards – Adoption**. This legislation mandates the MD Department of Labor (DOL) to adopt COMAR regulations similar to the International Swimming Pool and Spa code, with various modifications. It further requires DOL to maintain a central, computer-based, statewide database, authorizes them to charge a fee, and allows for the resolution of conflicts with the standards. It further provides that local jurisdictions may also adopt, in certain instances, amendments and requires local jurisdictions to implement and enforce the standards. The bill would take effect on October 1, 2021.

Passage of this bill would create administrative and financial hardship in the form of forced participation in the oversight of program mandates. It also does not provide for local jurisdiction oversight.

The Ocean City Chamber respectfully requests an **UNFAVORABLE REPORT for SB0254**. Please feel free to contact the Chamber directly at 410-213-0144 should you have any questions.

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