



House Bill 508 – COVID-19 Claim – Civil Immunity

Position: Support

Maryland REALTORS® supports HB 508 which provides liability protection for professionals, individuals and businesses that follow federal, state and local laws and regulations related to safe COVID-19 protocols.

During the last year, REALTORS® have worked with many clients in both the rental and sales markets. Our members have worked with clients looking for housing due to job changes (sometime job losses too). Our members have worked with first-time buyers seeking to take advantage of historically low interest rates. Our members have also worked with families where both parents are now working from home while their children attend school at home and the family needs additional space.

HB 508 helps ensure that professionals and others who are working to provide important services to Marylanders during this difficult year -- often at risk to themselves -- do not face frivolous lawsuits. The legislation also makes clear that if the individual is not abiding by the federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding COVID-19 by engaging in gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing, then the individual is not immune from civil liability related to COVID-19.

The Maryland REALTORS® believe HB 508 is an appropriately targeted bill extending liability protection to individuals operating in compliance with the many federal, state, and local directives on COVID-19 and we encourage a favorable report.

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