



Bill No: HB 928-- Discrimination in Housing - Citizenship, Immigration Status, and National Origin

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Date: 2/22/22

Position: Favorable

The Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA) represents members that own or manage more than 23 million square feet of commercial office space and 133,000 apartment rental units in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

House Bill 928 states that it is the policy of Maryland to provide fair housing, regardless of citizenship or immigration status and prohibits discrimination related to the sale or rental of a dwelling on the basis of citizenship or immigration status. The bill also states that a housing provider is not prohibited from complying with a legal obligation or acting pursuant to a condition for funding under federal, state or local program.

AOBA supports this legislation as it seeks to eliminate housing discrimination based on citizenship, immigration status or national origin. AOBA members are in the business of offering high-quality rental housing to all who reside in Maryland and creating safe spaces for all residents.

For these reasons AOBA requests a favorable report on HB 928.

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