



House Ways & Means Committee
House Bill 435: Youth Sports Programs - Registrations, Personnel, and Policy
SUPPORT

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Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, Chair
House Ways and Means Committee
131 Taylor House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairwoman, Atterbeary and Members of the House Ways & Means Committee:

The Mid-Atlantic Sports Turf Manager Association (MASTMA) is an organization that is composed of sports turf field managers and workers from Maryland, Delaware, Washington D.C., Northern Virginia.

As MASTMA members, we partner together to promote education, teamwork, networking, and best practices among our peers and within the Sports Turf Management Industry. Over the last couple of years, MASTMA has created and distributed a Best Management Practices (BMP) manual.

One of the focuses of the BMP manual is to highlight industry specific practices that ensure the safety of the community, and that environment remains the top priority in our line of work. It covers topics to help both managers and workers keep fields safe and playable for athletes of all ages, from children to professionals.

On behalf of MASTMA, we officially **support** House Bill 435. We believe player safety is of the utmost importance for anyone playing on our fields. Educating players, parents, and spectators of all aspects of safety on the fields is vital to prolonged playability and fun to be had on sports fields.

Supporting this legislation will enable us to offer our extensive knowledge of sports fields to help this bill pass and help further educate the public and fellow legislators on sports field safety.

For these reasons, we respectfully request a *Favorable* report on House Bill 435.

Sincerely,

MASTMA, BMP Outreach Committee

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