



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

February 22, 2022

Committee: House Ways and Means Committee

Bill: HB 844 – Real Property Tax Rates – Notification to Real Property Taxpayers

Position: Opposed

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League opposes HB 844 which would require a local government to mail an individualized letter to every household about the impact of the property tax rate if proposed rate would be greater than the constant yield tax rate. This would be in addition to the public advertisement already required.

Since its inception, the Constant Yield Tax Rate and its prescriptive notification have been unnecessarily confusing for residents and elected officials. This bill would only add confusion and costs to an unhelpful process. A local government could actually LOWER the property tax rate compared to the prior year and still have to publish a legal notice identifying it as a “proposed real property tax increase.”

The Maryland Municipal League therefore respectfully requests the Committee provide HB 844 with an unfavorable report.

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