
April 4, 2023

The Honorable Ben Barnes
Chair, House Appropriations Committee
Room 121, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Information – Senate Bill 162 – Maryland Aviation Commission – Duties, Composition, and Member Orientation

Dear Chair Barnes and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation takes no position on Senate Bill 162 as it passed out of the Senate but offers the following information for the Committee's consideration.

The Department would like to note for the Committee that it has been collaborating with the bill sponsor on additional amendments and would be supportive of the mutually agreed upon amendments.

As currently amended, Senate Bill 162 adds four new members to the Commission by providing the Anne Arundel County Senate Delegation and Howard County Senate Delegation with appointment recommendations for the Governor's consideration. The addition of four new members increases the total number of Commissioners to thirteen (including the Transportation Secretary as Chair). The communities surrounding BWI Marshall have indicated their interest for more representation on the Commission. The inclusion of these new members to the Commission will enhance the representation of the local airport communities. MAA supports this portion of the bill.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information when deliberating Senate Bill 162.

Respectfully Submitted,

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