



Senate Bill 72 – Income Tax – Credit for Pet-Friendly Rental Dwelling Units

Position: Support with Amendment

Maryland REALTORS® supports SB 72, which allows for a tax credit to be provided to landlords who allow their tenants to reside with their companion animals.

REALTORS® support providing this tax credit as it would offer an incentive to landlords who choose to allow their tenants to have a companion animal that resides with them in the rental unit. The financial incentive offered would encourage landlords to accept companion animals and increase the amount of pet friendly rentals within the state.

However, certain jurisdictions have imposed breed restrictions prohibiting residents from having certain animals within a rental unit. We believe landlords should not be precluded from taking advantage of this tax credit due to local regulations.

With this amendment, the Maryland REALTORS® recommends a favorable report.

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