



Maryland Municipal League
The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

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March 9, 2023

Committee: House Economic Matters Committee

Bill: HB 889 – Retail Service Stations – Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Property Tax Credit for Service Station Conversions

Position: Opposes

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League opposes HB 889, which would require local governments to adopt regulations ensuring new service station construction includes the installation of electric vehicle charging stations by January 1, 2024. The legislation also authorizes local governments to provide a property tax credit to retail service station conversions.

While the League appreciates the optional nature of the tax credit and general intent of the bill, HB 889 also mandates a regulatory authority that many municipalities do not have the background, capacity, or desire to fulfill.

The Maryland Municipal League therefore respectfully requests the Committee either remove the provisions that require local governments to adopt the aforementioned regulations or provide HB 889 with an unfavorable report.

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