



## **House Bill 1399**

**Committee: Economic Matters**

**Bill: House Bill 1399 Corporations and Associations – Resident Agent – Public Information**

**Date: March 1, 2024**

**Position: Favorable**

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The Maryland Multi-Housing Association (MMHA) is a professional trade association established in 1996, whose members house more than 538,000 residents of the State of Maryland. MMHA’s membership consists of owners and managers of more than 210,000 rental housing homes in over 958 apartment communities and more than 250 associate member companies who supply goods and services to the multi-housing industry.

House Bill 1399 (“HB 1399”) requires the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (“SDAT”) to include the name, physical mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number for a designated resident agent of an entity and making the information publicly available.

MMHA would respectfully request a favorable report on HB 1399. For the multi-housing industry, resident agents serve as vital points of contact between entities, tenants, and the greater community. This legislation will only further encourage good practice in having accessible resident agents serving these entities. Therefore, MMHA sees a benefit in having appropriate contact information for these resident agents readily accessible on a public site managed and updated by SDAT.

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