



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

Maryland REALTORS® have concerns with HB 1399 which would require the State Department of Assessments (SDAT) to make contact additional information of a business entity's resident agent available to the public.

REALTORS® are concerned with the unintended consequences that could result from publicizing the business entities' resident agent's email and phone number. Individuals who engage in housing development receive complaints and at times are harassed by members of the public who are opposed to a specific development within their community. Those opposing particular developments could contact the resident agent who is not directly involved with the development decisions. Additionally, property management companies and their employees are at times targeted by hostile tenants who may be facing a lawful eviction. We fear that this may place those employees in a difficult or even dangerous situation.

Although REALTORS® understand the desire of making certain information more accessible by the public to ensure that an entity can be properly served, having the emails and phone numbers publicized is not necessary to ensure proper service.

Maryland REALTORS® respectfully requests an unfavorable report on House Bill 1399.

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