



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

TESTIMONY

February 23, 2024

Committee: House Environment and Transportation

Bill: HB 1055 - Environment – Highways – Salt Application

Position: Unfavorable

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League opposes House Bill 1055 as introduced, but an amendment brought by the sponsor would mitigate our primary concern.

As introduced, the bill would require municipal governments to annually report the amount of salt applied to roadways during the winter season as well as calculate the amount of salt applied per lane mile under their jurisdiction. This can be difficult to calculate as there are instances where a municipal public works vehicle may apply salt to roads that are under the purview of another jurisdiction, per a formal agreement or as a courtesy. This can lead to difficulty in determining over how many lane miles the salt was applied.

Thank you to the sponsor for listening to our concern and agreeing to provide a sponsor amendment that would remove the requirement to report on the amount of salt per lane mile. This would remove MML's primary concern.

MML opposes HB 1055 as introduced, but should the sponsor amendment be adopted, MML's primary concern will be addressed.

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