



**HB 359 - Petition for Guardianship of the Property of Alleged Disabled Person -
Stay of Civil Actions and Proceedings**

Committee: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

Date: March 21, 2024

Position: Favorable with Amendments

The Maryland Bankers Association (MBA) **SUPPORTS HB 359 WITH AMENDMENTS**. This legislation, as amended in the House of Delegates, authorizes a petitioner to file a request to stay any of the listed proceedings upon the filing of a petition for guardianship of the property of an alleged disabled person.

Amendments adopted in the House eased MBA's concerns that the legislation as introduced could result in unnecessary delays in the specified proceedings. However, amended language in Section (A) does not explicitly state in which court the petitioner files the request for the stay. The intent of the amendment was to indicate that the petition should be filed in the court where the stay was being sought. Adding the word "in" after "a petitioner may file a request to stay" rectifies that issue.

Accordingly, MBA urges issuance of a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 359 **WITH AMENDMENTS**.

The Maryland Bankers Association (MBA) represents FDIC-insured community, regional, and national banks, employing more than 26,000 Marylanders and holding more than \$209 billion in deposits in over 1,200 branches across our State. The Maryland banking industry serves customers across the State and provides an array of financial services including residential mortgage lending, business banking, estates and trust services, consumer banking, and more.