

## Senate Bill 979 – Local Government - Accommodations Intermediaries - Hotel Rental Tax Collection by Comptroller

**Position: Support** 

Maryland REALTORS® supports SB 979, to streamline the collection of short-term rental taxes.

Currently, short-term rental taxes are collected through a patchwork of local collection methods and optional compliance by certain short-term rental platforms. As a result, both state and local governments are not receiving the full revenue benefit from the economic activity that short-term rental units provide.

By addressing this issue through the Office of the Comptroller and through short-term rental platforms, this approach will not create undue burdens for collections and filing by the owners of these properties.

For this reason, Maryland REALTORS® asks for your support of SB 979.

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