



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

## TESTIMONY

February 25, 2025

**Committee:** House Environment & Transportation

**Bill:** HB 1128 - Land Bank Authorities - Powers and Authority

**Position:** Favorable

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League (“MML”) supports House Bill 1128, which expands the authority for local governments to participate in a land bank with the goal of encouraging new housing development.

Land banks help to reduce blight, promote neighborhood stability, and make land available for productive uses like new housing, parks, or commercial development. They are often used by municipalities or non-profit organizations to address issues like urban decay, environmental hazards, and underutilized spaces. This bill would provide a flexible tool for local governments to help meet the State’s housing needs.

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests that the Committee provide House Bill 1128 with a favorable report. For more information, please contact Angelica Bailey Thupari, Director of Advocacy and Public Affairs, at [angelicab@mdmunicipal.org](mailto:angelicab@mdmunicipal.org) or (443) 756-0071. Thank you for your consideration.

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