



**House Bill 1177 – Landlord and Tenant – Tenant Repair and Maintenance Complaint
Hotline - Establishment**

Position: Unfavorable

The Maryland REALTORS® opposes HB 1177 which would establish an additional level of landlord tenant oversight.

Currently, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development has an office of Landlord and Tenant Affairs which is intended to be the “primary contact point for Maryland tenants who seek resources related to their rights and protections.” In addition to this office, the Legislature has implemented free legal representation for certain tenants facing eviction before the Maryland Courts.

The REALTORS® do not believe that creating another level of landlord oversight is the answer to addressing tenant complaints. There have been plenty of bills addressing perceived deficiencies in the courts and DHCD’s office of Landlord and Tenant Affairs was just started this past year. These options for tenants will provide information and recourse when problems arise.

For these reasons, the REALTORS® recommend an unfavorable report.

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