

TO: ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
FROM: REGENCY PARK CONDOMINIUM, BALTIMORE COUNTY

HB299 - OPPOSE with concerns.

Regency Park is a 60-home condominium in Baltimore County, Maryland. While we appreciate the leadership from Delegate Holmes on condominium issues, our Board reviewed HB299, and we appreciate the opportunity to share our perspective.

HB299 (Mandatory training classes for Board Members): OPPOSE with concerns.

We are a community of only 60 homes, including many residents passed retirement age. It is difficult enough to get volunteers to serve on the Board, which takes considerable time and provides no compensation. If mandatory training were required, and particularly if there was a cost involved and/or it involved more than a couple of hours, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to get a full complement to serve on the Board.

There are other questions and concerns. Who would be setting up these classes? What are their qualifications? What would the charge be? If someone served on a Board, then left and returned, would they have to take the course again? Could one Board member take the course, if needed, rather than require all members to do so? Would this lead to required training updates, similar to continuing education requirements for various professions?

We have reviewed this legislation with other condo communities in Baltimore County and Baltimore City, and they share these concerns.

Certainly, it would be helpful if there was an agency that provided the training at no cost, and encouraged Board members to take it, but we oppose the idea of this being mandatory.

Thank you for your consideration, and we are available to work with you on this.
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