

Health and Government Operations
House Bill 822
FAVORABLE

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee;

Please give House Bill 822, regarding the freedom of religion, a Favorable report.

Requiring a belief in God **is** an establishment of religion. Additionally, such a requirement has been found unconstitutional.

People who don't believe in or worship any type of deity, people who believe in or worship multiple gods, people who believe in or worship one or multiple goddesses, people who worship or pay homage to nature, and people who practice other religions that don't use the term "God" are every bit as capable, moral, and deserving of religious freedom as those who believe in God.

Please respect the diversity of beliefs, and also help make the Maryland Constitution constitutional by voting in favor of House Bill 822. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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