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SB 79 – Motor Home and Recreational Vehicle Shows in Worcester County – Permit for  
Out-of-State Dealers

Statement of Support by Bill Sponsor Senator Mary Beth Carozza

Thank you, Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the distinguished Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee for allowing me to present Senate Bill 79 – Motor Home and Recreational Vehicle Shows in Worcester County – Permit for Out-of-State Dealers.

This local bill would allow out-of-state recreational vehicle dealers to display in vehicle shows for motor homes or recreational trailers in Worcester County. Out-of-state dealers would not be allowed to accept deposits or point of sales.

In addition, the local bill establishes an out-of-state motor home and recreational trailer vehicle show permit only if “that state reciprocally authorizes Maryland dealers of motor homes and recreational trailers to display or exhibit motor homes or recreational trailers at vehicle shows in that state.”

These additional safeguards were added to this local bill to address the concerns raised by the Maryland Recreational Vehicle Dealer’s Association and the issues that Governor Wes Moore raised in his May 23, 2024 Senate Bill 60 veto letter.

Last session this Committee and the full Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 60 of 2024. However, this local legislation was amended substantially in the House of Delegates including revising it to a statewide bill, and SB 60 ultimately led to a veto by Governor Wes Moore.

Throughout the Interim, we have worked in good faith with the promoter of the OC RV & Van Lifestyle Show and Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration officials to address the concerns outlined in Governor Moore’s veto letter.

SB 79 would expand consumer opportunities for Maryland constituents. As noted in testimony from the OC RV Show promoter, expanding the range of products to the OC RV Show provides consumers with access to a wide array of RVs and empowers them to make better-informed purchasing decisions.

This local bill also strengthens local tourism, thus benefitting the entire State of Maryland. The first two OC RV shows already are attracting attendees from over 15 states and the national appeal will continue to grow as more and more people are gravitating to the RV lifestyle.

By allowing more available, diverse options with out-of-state dealers being able to display their products at the OC RV Show while at the same time continuing to allow Maryland RV dealers to sell their products, the OC RV Show would increase attendance and sales for Maryland RV dealers, give consumers more options, and boost the local tourism economy.

I truly appreciate your kind attention and consideration, and I respectfully ask for a swift and favorable report on SB 79, a local Worcester County bill.