



**Senate Bill 896 – Real Property – Residential Rental Property – Pet Policy Disclosure (Pet Policy Transparency Act)**

**Position: Unfavorable**

Maryland REALTORS® oppose SB 896 which requires landlords to provide links to a property's pet policy, requires that it be included in the rental application, and specifies the provisions that must be included in a pet policy.

Most of the properties represented by Maryland REALTOR® property managers are single-family homes. To the extent that SB 896 creates additional complication in advertising, updating rental applications, and specifying pet policies, there is a greater likelihood that some of the mom and pop owners of these units will just choose to not to accept pets.

Many mom and pop landlords are already concerned about the complexity of renting their property, and, for that reason, the Maryland REALTORS® recommend an unfavorable report.

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