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TO: The Honorable William Smith
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Tiffany Clark
Director, Legislative Affairs, Office of the Attorney General

RE: House Bill 1363 – Places of Public Accommodation – Captioning for
Motion Picture Houses – Alterations – **Letter of Information**

The Office of Attorney General (OAG) respectfully offers this letter of information to the Judicial Proceedings Committee on **House Bill 1363** - Places of Public Accommodation – Captioning for Motion Picture Houses – Alterations. **House Bill 1363** extends statutory provisions that govern movie captioning requirements to apply to a motion picture house with at least four screens and requires motion picture houses that are places of public accommodation to report to the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights and the Attorney General on certain metrics.

The OAG has concerns with the reporting requirement established in **House Bill 1363**. More specifically, the bill requires certain motion picture houses to report certain metrics to the MCCR and the Attorney General monthly. The OAG does not have a database to receive these reports, nor is there clear language in the bill that explains what OAG is supposed to do with the information in the reports once the reports are received.

The OAG has spoken with a member of the Sponsor's staff who stated that there are amendments being submitted to the Committee that would remove this reporting requirement from the bill. If these amendments are accepted by the Committee, the OAG would no longer have concerns.

The OAG urges the Committee to consider this issue carefully as it deliberates on the passage of **House Bill 1363**.

cc: The Honorable Delegate Bhandari