



HB 1164
Counties and Municipalities – Homelessness – Local Laws
(Right to Rest Act)

MCAA Position: **SUPPORT**
With Amendment

TO: Judiciary

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The Maryland Correctional Administrator's Association (MCAA), an organization comprised of our statewide jail wardens and administrators for promoting and improving best correctional practices, appreciates the opportunity to provide information regarding HB 1164.

Many local detention centers are on government campuses, generally to the rear of the properties near woods and tree lines. Unlike the State prison systems, which are built with fences and towers, local detention centers are built without fences. Correctional Officers are responsible for conducting and maintaining perimeter security for each shift 24/7. Respectfully request the areas around detention centers be exclusion zones and not accessible public spaces for homeless encampments to ensure the safety and security of the physical plant and for the correctional personnel who work around the clock.

The Maryland Correctional Administrators Association strongly opposes this bill and respectfully requests that this committee issue a **FAVORABLE REPORT with the above Amendment** on House Bill 1164.