



SB 644 – Sales and Use Tax - Certificates Indicating Multiple Points of Use - Alterations

Committee: Senate Budget & Taxation Committee

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Position: Favorable

The Maryland Bankers Association (MBA) **SUPPORTS** SB 644. This legislation provides important updates to Maryland’s sales and use tax framework by deeming “multiple-points-of-use” (MPU) certificates as fully completed under specified circumstances, eliminating the requirement that purchasers obtain prior approval from the Comptroller before presenting an MPU certificate to a vendor, and clarifying that vendors are relieved of tax-collection obligations upon receipt of a properly completed certificate. Collectively, these improvements simplify and modernize the MPU process, reducing compliance burdens for businesses—particularly those with sophisticated, multi-state tax-allocation systems.

Maryland banks, which are significant purchasers of digital products, cybersecurity solutions, cloud-based platforms, and data-processing technologies, frequently deploy these tools across multiple branches and operational centers in different jurisdictions. A streamlined MPU documentation process enables bank tax departments to allocate use tax with greater accuracy, reduce administrative costs, and minimize the risk of inadvertent compliance errors. These efficiencies contribute to a more predictable regulatory and business environment while ensuring that all revenue appropriately due to the State continues to be collected.

The administrative refinements contained in SB 644 represent a thoughtful and balanced enhancement to Maryland’s tax administration framework—one that benefits taxpayers, vendors, and the Office of the Comptroller alike. Accordingly, MBA urges the issuance of a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 644.

The Maryland Bankers Association (MBA) represents FDIC-insured community, regional, and national banks, employing thousands of Marylanders and holding \$194.8 billion in deposits in over 1,100 branches across our State. The Maryland banking industry serves customers across the State and provides an array of financial services including residential mortgage lending, business banking, estates and trust services, consumer banking, and more.