



## Senate Bill 782

**Position: Favorable**

Committee: Finance

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Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce (“Maryland Chamber”) is a statewide coalition of more than 7,000 members working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic growth and opportunity for all Marylanders.

Reliable telecommunications infrastructure is essential to Maryland’s economic stability, public safety, and day-to-day business operations. From small businesses to large employers, companies across the state depend on secure and uninterrupted communications networks to serve customers, process transactions, manage logistics, and ensure employee safety. Theft and unlawful resale of telecommunications equipment threaten not only service continuity, but also economic productivity.

Senate Bill 782 (SB 782) provides practical and targeted safeguards to address these risks. By strengthening registration and recordkeeping requirements for certain dealers purchasing telecommunications equipment and establishing appropriate holding periods, the bill creates meaningful deterrents against the trafficking of stolen infrastructure. These measures enhance transparency and improve law enforcement’s ability to investigate and prevent criminal activity.

Importantly, the legislation supports legitimate commerce while discouraging unlawful practices that disrupt essential services. Preventing the destruction or impairment of telecommunications infrastructure protects Maryland residents, employers, emergency services, and critical industries that rely on consistent connectivity.

Maryland’s economy depends on resilient infrastructure. Senate Bill 782 represents a balanced and responsible step toward safeguarding the communications systems that power our state’s businesses and communities. **For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber respectfully requests a favorable report on SB 782.**