

**HB1017**  
**Correctional Services – Private Immigration Detention Facilities**  
**– Zoning Requirement**

Testimony of Joel Hurewitz  
Columbia, MD  
Government, Labor, and Elections Committee  
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**Position: Favorable with Amendments**

This bill appears to only apply to a private entity which operates or occupies a building. It does not apply to a private entity owning a building where the immigration detention facility is operated by the federal government.

As with the recent issue in Howard County, if the intent of the bill is to address private ownership of a federally operated immigration detention facility, then the language similar to that in HB 1018 should be used:

25 **8-114.1.**

26 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A PRIVATE ENTITY THAT OWNS, MANAGES,**  
27 **OR OPERATES, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OR AN**  
28 **IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITY.**

HB 1018 page 12.