



Letter of Information

House Bill 1188 – Excess Ownership of Single-Family Residences Excise Tax (End Hedge Fund Control of Maryland Homes Act of 2026)
Ways & Means Committee
March 5, 2026

The Comptroller of Maryland is respectfully submitting this letter of information regarding House Bill 1188 – Excess Ownership of Single-Family Residences Excise Tax (End Hedge Fund Control of Maryland Homes Act of 2026). HB1188 imposes an excise tax on the acquisition and excess ownership of certain homes.

Our office is currently in the process of migrating more than 3 million individual taxpayers from our legacy mainframe to our new integrated tax system, Maryland Tax Connect. This migration, currently scheduled for August 2026, is the largest and most complex phase of our years-long modernization project.

HB1188 creates a new tax type for hedge fund taxpayers after July 1, 2026, and will require significant system programming to implement. In order to ensure a smooth migration to our new tax system, the Comptroller of Maryland respectfully requests that the applicable date of HB1188 be changed to July 1, 2027.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please reach out to Matthew Dudzic, Director of State Affairs, at MDudzic@marylandtaxes.gov.

