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**Legislation Affecting
Municipalities**

Preface

MML's *2018 Final Report on Legislation Affecting Municipalities* illustrates the scope of League activities during the 2018 regular session of the Maryland General Assembly. A copy is being sent via email to each member municipality to apprise local officials of legislation passed during the session that may influence their operations and activities. Persons receiving this report are encouraged to share this information with other appropriate officials in their cities or towns.

There were 3,101 bills and joint resolutions introduced in the General Assembly during the 2018 regular session. League staff reviewed all bills and their many amendments to determine their impacts on local government. During the session, MML sent 13 legislative updates in the weekly *eBulletin* to keep members informed about bills with potential municipal government impact. MML actively supported, supported with amendments, or opposed a total of 52 bills, and closely monitored several others. League efforts were directed by the decisions of the MML Legislative Committee and facilitated by the activities and support of local chapters and individual municipal officials.

This report provides a summary of significant statewide bills passed by the General Assembly that will affect Maryland's municipalities, including those bills tracked by the League. These measures are organized according to general subject headings and are presented in bill number order, Senate bills first, followed by House bills. To view the text of the actual legislation, please go to the [Maryland General Assembly Website](#), enter the bill number in the box on the home page, and then click on the bill number in the top left-hand corner of the bill page.

For a more in-depth summary of legislation passed during the 2018 General Assembly session, click on [2018 Maryland 90-Day Report](#) and go to the index at the back of the report to find the bill number which will direct you to the section which contains a full description of the bill. You can also click on the bill number(s), which will take you to the bill information page.

We recommend this compilation for your general use and guidance. In areas where significant legal questions may arise, we urge that you consult your municipal attorney.

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2017-2018 Legislative Committee

The MML Legislative Committee is charged with several duties, including the review of all Legislative Action Requests (LARs) submitted to the Committee by chapters, departments, and individual member municipalities. After appropriate consideration of all LARs, the Committee recommends a formal legislative program to the League's membership at the annual fall conference.

The 2017-2018 Committee began meeting during the fall of 2017, where they debated and then selected a recommended legislative priority program, which was presented to the membership at the fall conference in Rockville. Beginning on the first day of the 2018 General Assembly session, the Committee continued to meet every seven to ten days during which time, the Committee guided the League's program, considering over 200 bills, and taking positions on legislation affecting municipalities statewide.

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Administrative

~~SB 222/HB 78 Foreclosed Property Registry – Updated Information – Notice to Local Governments (F-18)~~

~~SB 396 Open Meetings Act – Training – Application – (C-5)~~

~~SB 474 Ethics – Local Public Ethics Commissions and Entities – Meeting and Reporting Requirements (C-14)~~

~~SB 477/HB 677 Public Information Act – Required Denials – Physical Addresses, E-Mail Addresses, and Telephone Numbers (See Fiscal Note)~~

~~SB 730/HB 829 Local Government – Municipal Elections – No-Excuse Absentee Voting (C-12, D-2)~~

~~SB 1010/HB 1596 Disclosing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Act of 2018 (F-14, H-31)~~

~~HB 400 Agriculture – Mosquito Control – Notification to Municipalities (K-15)~~

~~HB 615 Municipalities – Charter Amendments – Procedures (D-2)~~

~~HB 695 Open Meetings Act – Closed Meetings – Cybersecurity (C-5)~~

Economic and Community Development

~~SB 278/HB 546 Prevailing Wage – Tax Increment Financing Developments – Application – (C-17)~~

~~SB 407/HB 535 Transportation – Complete Streets Program – Establishment (C-26, G-6)~~

~~SB 821/HB 109 Community Development Program Act of 2018 (H-24)~~

~~SB 989/ HB 1295 One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credits – Simplification and Alteration (B-11, H-21)~~

~~HB 221 Local Government – School Construction – Permits (D-2, L-12)~~

Employment

~~SB 207/HB 412 Higher Education – Maryland Technology Internship Program – Alterations (J-24)~~

~~HB 527 Higher Education – Maryland Technology Internship Program – Alterations (H-23, L-29)~~

~~HB 1499 Workers' Compensation – Self-Insured Employers – Suspected Fraud Reporting (H-28)~~

Fiscal and Financial Affairs

~~SB 187/HB 161 Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2018 (A-9, A-40, A-41, A-42, A-43, A-44, A-79, A-96, A-110, C-18, K-13, L-4, L-24)~~

~~SB 429 Property Tax Credit – Surviving Spouse of Veteran (B-4)~~

~~SB 516/HB 807 Transportation – Highway User Revenue – Distribution (G-3)~~

~~SB 742/HB 686 Income Tax – Wynne Case – Local Government Repayments to the Local Reserve Account (B-13)~~

~~SB 855 2020 Census Grant Program – Establishment and Funding (D-2)~~

~~SB 912/HB 1685 Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund (Thrive by Three Fund) (J-11, J-26)~~

~~SB 925/HB 1178 Property Tax – Liability for Payment of Tax on Leased Property (B-3)~~

~~SB 951 Tax Sales – Vacant and Abandoned Property (B-5)~~

~~SB 952 Tax Sales – Homeowner Protections (B-5)~~

~~SB 967/HB 1454 Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit – Commercial Rehabilitations – Affordable Housing (B-11)~~

~~SB 996 Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Retirement Income (Hometown Heroes and Veterans Act of 2018) (A-13, B-12)~~

~~SB 1053 Public Safety – 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicators – Benefits (B-4)~~

~~SB 1242/HB 877 Burial Sites – Access, Required Consultation, and Tax Credit (B-4, F-20)~~

~~SB 1251 Property Tax – Municipal Corporations – Electricity Generation Facilities – Negotiated Payments in Lieu of Taxes (B-5)~~

~~HB 43 Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Perpetual Conservation Easements (B-12)~~

~~HB 89 Property Tax Credit – Public Safety Officers – Administration (B-3)~~

~~HB 90 Personal Property Tax – Exemption for Low Assessments (B-2)~~

~~HB 296 Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Retirement Income of Correctional Officers (A-13, B-12)~~

~~HB 327 Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Military Retirement Income (A-13, B-12)~~

~~HB 502 Property Tax Credit – Surviving Spouse of Veteran (B-4)~~

~~HB 671 Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Classroom Supplies Purchased by Teachers (B-12)~~

~~HB1042 Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System – Benefit Cap Increase (C-23)~~

~~HB 1069 Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Volunteer Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services Members (B-12)~~

~~HB 1465 Tax Sales – Homeowner Protections (B-5)~~

~~HB 1765 On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems – Watershed Implementations Plan and Bay Restoration Fund Disbursements and Financial Assistance (K-8)~~

Land Use and Environment

~~SB 203 Agriculture – Nutrient Management – Fertilizer Use on Turf (K-14)~~

~~SB 1006/HB 1350 Sea Level Rise Inundation and Coastal Flooding – Construction, Adaptation, and Mitigation (G-8, K-1)~~

~~HB 252 Land Use – Agritourism (K-12)~~

~~HB1588 Zoning Amendments – Energy Generating Systems (D-3)~~

Public Safety/Legal

~~SB 445/HB 531 Motor Vehicles – Operation When Approaching Vehicle With Visual Signals (G-10)~~

~~SB 662/HB 645 Business Regulation – Wireless Security Systems – Local Government Licenses and Permits (H-6)~~

~~SB 927/HB 1117 Alarm Systems – Registration and Renewal – Penalties (D-3, H-7)~~

~~SB 944 Public Health – Subcutaneous Implanting of Identification Device – Prohibition (E-5)~~

~~SB 1102/HB 1329 Landlord and Tenant – Action for Repossession of Nonresidential Property – Service of Process (F-17)~~

~~SB 1265 Maryland Safe to Learn Act 2018 (A-25, A-26, A-27, A-28, E-16, L-1, L-12, L-13, L-14)~~

~~HB 204 Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems – Yellow Signal Compliance ([See Fiscal Note](#))~~

~~HB 359 Health – Reporting of Overdose Information (J-1)~~

~~HB 432 Public Safety – Grant Establishment and Funding (Public Safety and Violence Prevention Act of 2018) (E-14)~~

~~HB 1107 Public Safety – Elevator Inspections – Testing and Apprenticeship Program (E-20, H-5, H-32)~~

~~HB 1209 Missing Persons – Information (Eula and Danny’s Law) (E-19)~~

~~HB 1302 Public Safety – Extreme Risk Prevention Orders (E-18)~~

~~HB 1646 Criminal Procedure – Firearms – Transfer (E-17)~~

Public Works

~~SB 468/HB 1073 Landlord and Tenant – Residential Leases – Water and Sewer Bills (F-17)~~

~~SB 709/HB 923 Environment – Water and Sewer Service (K-8)~~

~~SB 854/HB 1566 Public Utilities – Water and Sewage Disposal Companies – Acquisition (H-10)~~