



THE  
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MUNICIPAL  
LEAGUE

**2022**

# **Final Legislative Report**

**Legislation Affecting  
Municipalities**

## Preface

MML's 2022 *Final Report on Legislation Affecting Municipalities* illustrates the scope of League activities during the 2021 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 2,500 bills and joint resolutions introduced in the General Assembly during the 2022 regular session. League staff reviewed all bills and their many amendments to determine their impacts on local government. During the session, MML sent legislative updates in the weekly *eBulletin* to keep members informed about bills with potential municipal government impact. The Legislative Committee debated these bills and as a result, MML actively supported, supported with amendments, or opposed a total of 112 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 with a notation to page number in the [2022 Maryland 90 Day Report](#) where the bill is referenced. The 90 Day Report provides in-depth summaries of enacted legislation from the 2022 General Assembly session.

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.

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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## 2021-2022 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 2020-2021 Committee began meeting virtually during the fall of 2020, where they debated and then selected a recommended legislative priority program, which was presented to the membership at the virtual fall conference. Beginning on the first day of the 2021 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 100 bills, and taking positions on legislation affecting municipalities statewide.

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## **Budget and State Aid (A)**

[HB 1187](#) – Transportation – Highway User Revenues – Revenue and Distribution (A-16) (A-81)

[SB 812](#) / [HB 1346](#) – State Government - Cybersecurity - Coordination and Governance (A-19)

## **Taxes (B)**

[SB 247](#) / [HB 69](#) – State Department of Assessments and Taxation - Real Property Assessments and Appeals (B-1)

[SB 860](#) / [HB 1039](#) - Property Tax - Community Solar Energy Generating Systems - Agrivoltaics (B-2)

[HB 76](#) - Community Solar Energy Generating Systems - Exemption From Property Taxes (B-2)

[SB 528](#) - Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 (B-2)

[SB 274](#) / [HB 268](#) - Property Tax - Exemptions for Business Personal Property - Alterations (B-3)

[HB 478](#) - Economic Development - Enterprise Zone Program - Alterations (B-4) (B-5)

[HB 617](#) - Property Tax – Credit for Surviving Spouses of Fallen Service Members (B-5)

[HB 1196](#) - Tax Sales - Alternative Collection Programs (B-5)

[HB 1187](#) – Transportation – Highway User Revenues – Revenue and Distribution (B-10)

[SB 724](#) / [HB 795](#) - Gross Receipts Tax on Short-Term Lease or Rental of Heavy Equipment – Alterations (B-14)

## **State Government (C)**

[HB 246](#) - Open Meetings Act - Notices and Closed Sessions - Retention Periods and Online Posting (C-4)

[SB 7](#) / [HB 15](#) - Invasive and Native Plants - Classification, Listing, and Use (C-18)

[SB 1](#) / [HB 145](#) - State Finance and Procurement – Prevailing Wage – Stop Work Orders (C-19)

[SB 259](#) / [HB 611](#) - Procurement - Prevailing Wage - Applicability (C-19)

[SB 450](#) / [HB 1393](#) - Harassment and Sexual Harassment - Definitions - Employment Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training (C-23)

[SB 763](#) / [HB 1429](#) - Public Safety and Criminal Justice - Transparency and Accountability (C-29)

[SB 528](#) - Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 (C-30)

[HB 794](#) - Public Health – Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council (J-4)

[SB 812](#) / [HB 1346](#) – State Government - Cybersecurity - Coordination and Governance (C-31) (C-32) (C-33)

[SB 754](#) / [HB 1202](#) - Local Government Cybersecurity - Coordination and Operations (Local Cybersecurity Support Act of 2022) (C-29) (C-33)

## **Local Government (D)**

[SB 754](#) / [HB 1202](#) - Local Government Cybersecurity - Coordination and Operations (Local Cybersecurity Support Act of 2022) (D-1)

[HB 331](#) - Local Government - Regulation of Amateur Radio Station Antenna Structures (D-2)

## **Crimes, Corrections, and Public Safety (E)**

[SB 763](#) / [HB 1429](#) - Public Safety and Criminal Justice - Transparency and Accountability (E-8) (E-9) (E-21) (E-22)

[SB 814](#) / [HB 1312](#) - Public Safety - Resilient Maryland Revolving Loan Fund - Alterations (E-26)

[SB 630](#) / [HB 706](#) - Maryland Department of Emergency Management - Office of Resilience (E-26)

[HB 303](#) / [SB 319](#) - Public Safety - Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards - Adoption (E-27)

## **Courts and Civil Proceedings (F)**

[SB 450](#) / [HB 1393](#) - Harassment and Sexual Harassment - Definitions - Employment Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Prevention Training (F-11)

[HB 78](#) - Discrimination in Employment - Reasonable Accommodations for Applicants With Disabilities (F-12)

[SB 592](#) / [HB 932](#) - Landlord and Tenant – Right to Redemption of Leased Premises – Form of Payment (F-15)

## **Transportation and Motor Vehicles (G)**

[HB 1187](#) - Transportation – Highway User Revenues – Revenue and Distribution (G-2) (G-3)

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## **Business and Economic Issues (H)**

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[SB 464](#) / [HB 350](#) - Underground Facilities Damage Prevention - Enforcement (H-8)

[SB 789](#) / [HB 994](#) - Public Utilities - Underground Facilities - One-Call System (H-9)

[HB 478](#) - Economic Development - Enterprise Zone Program - Alterations (H-15)

[SB 453](#) - Economic Development – Maryland Makerspace Initiative Program (H-19)

[HB 78](#) - Discrimination in Employment - Reasonable Accommodations for Applicants With Disabilities (H-28)

[SB 1](#) / [HB 145](#) - State Finance and Procurement – Prevailing Wage – Stop Work Orders (H-29)

[SB 259](#) / [HB 611](#) - Procurement - Prevailing Wage - Applicability (H-29)

## **Health and Human Services (J)**

[SB 419](#) / [HB 1086](#) - Opioid Restitution Fund - Appropriation of Settlement Funds and Grant Program (J-3)

[HB 794](#) - Public Health – Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council (J-4)

[SB 273](#) / [HB 275](#) - Environment – PFAS Chemicals – Prohibitions and Requirements (George “Walter” Taylor Act) (J-11)

## **Natural Resources, Environment, and Agriculture (K)**

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[SB 528](#) - Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 (K-12) (K-17) (K-26)

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[HB 76](#) - Community Solar Energy Generating Systems - Exemption From Property Taxes (B-2) (K-18)

[SB 860](#) / [HB 1039](#) - Property Tax - Community Solar Energy Generating Systems - Agrivoltaics (K-18) (K-19)

[SB 454](#) / [HB 195](#) - Marine Contractor License - Authorization, Requirements, and Fees (K-21)

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[SB 296](#) / [HB 558](#) - Land Use - Agritourism - Definition (K-24)

## **Education (L)**

[SB 528](#) - Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 (L-6)

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[SB 14](#) / [HB 100](#) - Sustainable Maryland Program and Fund - Establishment (L-22)