



House Bill 1147

**Places of Public Accommodation and Public Buildings –
Single-Occupancy Public Restrooms - Availability**

March 3, 2020

Position: INFO

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Economic Matters Committee:

The *Restaurant Association of Maryland* has worked with the sponsor of this legislation to address our concerns regarding any potential conflict with building/plumbing codes, whether any existing urinals would pose compliance issues, and allowing at least 30 days for compliance between an initial violation warning and the second violation fine. Delegate Solomon successfully answered our questions about the bill, and plans to offer an amendment to allow time for compliance between the initial warning and second violation.

For these reasons, we have no opposition to this legislation and sincerely appreciate that Delegate Solomon worked with us to address our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Melvin R. Thompson".

Melvin R. Thompson
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