



SB 476 – Facial Recognition Privacy Protection Act

Senate Finance Committee

March 11, 2020

Favorable with Amendments

Senate Bill 476 “establishes a regulatory framework to govern the use of facial recognition services by private entities and units of State and local government in Maryland. The bill supersedes and preempts laws, ordinances, regulations, or the equivalent adopted by a political subdivision regarding the development, use, or deployment of facial recognition services.”

The Maryland Bankers Association represents FDIC-insured community, regional and nationwide banks that employ more than 26,000 Marylanders and hold more than \$142 billion in deposits in 1,420 branches across our State.

Our members are required by federal law to have adequate security protections for banks and bank customers. This includes security cameras that are included on ATM’s, inside and outside branch facilities, etc. It is not clear how SB 476 would impact these federal requirements and a bank’s ability to continue to utilize this technology.

MBA appreciates the concern for facial recognition privacy. However, if this legislation should advance this session, MBA respectfully requests that banks be excepted from the legislation for the reasons stated above.