

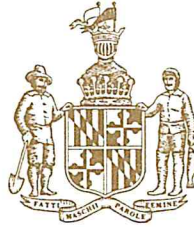
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Testimony for Senate Bill 636
Maryland Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts - Delay

Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee:

SB 636: Maryland Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts – Delay, this bill delays the effective date of the Maryland Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts by one year from October 1, 2020 to October 1, 2021.

Last year, Senate Bill 678: State Government – Notarial acts & Notaries Public was passed by this committee and was signed into law by the Governor. SB 678 not only altered the requirements to become a notary but also authorized a notary to perform electronic notarization and remote notarization.

Due to the funding of the new database system, which is included in the Governor’s 2021 budget, as well as the new requirements for education and testing, SB 636 delays the effective date to allow the Office of the Secretary State to come into compliance.

Thank you for your attention to this legislation and I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 185.