



MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY
PARK & RECREATION ADMINISTRATORS
(MACPRA)

**SB454 Marine Contractor License – Performance of Services – Licensing
Requirements and Fees**

February 4, 2022

To: Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs

From: The Maryland Association of County Park & Recreation Administrators (MACPRA)

MACPRA Position: SUPPORT

This bill is a logical administrative fix that allows local governments' public works and park maintenance crews to perform routine repairs to public access facilities on or over public waterways, and to ditching and related structures directing water flow. Their performance is supervised, in state and local permit compliance and presents a "*de minimis*" risk to human health or the environment.

The bill proposes the elimination of the certification *fee* for county and municipal government operators, but still requires the license certification and the practical experience associated with said certification for marine contractor services that fall outside of the conventional maintenance and operation services prescribed in the bill (tide dikes, roadside ditch repair, agricultural drainage ditch). It reconciles a local government disparity that hampers the efforts of capable crews to accomplish routine repairs without the time and cost of the marine contractor license. This drives up local government costs and slows project progress.

We urge the committee's favorable report to this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

The Maryland Association of County Park & Recreation Administrators (MACPRA) is an affiliate of the Maryland Association of Counties and represents the Parks and Recreation departments of all 23 counties and Baltimore City – the professionals engaged in the delivery of Parks and Recreation services throughout Maryland.