



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

February 15, 2023

Committee: Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment

Bill: SB 407 - Drinking Water – Innovative Potable Reuse Pilot Program

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports Senate Bill 407, which creates opportunities to explore turning reclaimed water into drinking water through a reuse permit pilot program.

Worsening climate change is a threat to the availability of safe drinking water across the globe; locally, water capacity issues often limit growth and redevelopment. This bill proposes innovative solutions that could help water capacity issues throughout the state in an environmentally sensitive way, charting a path for other towns and cities. Though most of Maryland's municipalities are not prepared to take advantage of this pilot program, MML feels strongly that this bill is a step in a very promising direction.

As such, the League respectfully requests that this committee provide SB 407 with a favorable report.

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