



**House Bill 371 – Recordation Tax – Indemnity Mortgage Exemption – Threshold Amount**

**Position: Favorable**

Maryland REALTORS® support HB 371 which increases the recordation tax exemption threshold for Indemnity Mortgages or deeds of trust often referred to as IDOTs.

Under Maryland law, indemnity mortgages are exempt from recordation tax if the guaranteed amount is less than \$3 million dollars. HB 371 will increase the exemption amount to \$15 million.

Given the many challenges in commercial real estate due to COVID and business' new real estate needs with remote work options, an IDOT exemption can help small and medium sized commercial real property save money when redeveloping or restructuring their property.

Maryland REALTORS® recommends a favorable report.

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