



RMC Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 19, 2021

Time 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Type: Zoom Teleconference

Participants: John Hartline, Chris Benzing, Charlotte Davis, Darren Jarboe, Lindsay Thompson, Alice Settle-Raskin, Bill Christopher, Kurt Fuchs, Cassie Shirk, Greg Padgham, Tyler Patton, Senator Addie Eckardt, Gabrielle Leach, Matt Tefteau, Steve McHenry, Don Mulrine, Colin Denis, Scott Warner, Kimberly Kratovil, Josh Hastings, Mike Thielke, Amanda Clevenger, Dakota Matthews, Megan D'Arcy

Welcome and Introductions: Ms. Lindsay Thompson called the meeting to order at 2:02pm.

Review of March 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes: Ms. Lindsay Thompson asked Committee members to review the minutes from the March 22, 2021 meeting and if anyone opposed. There was no opposition, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Legislative Tracking & Position Statements: Ms. Lindsay Thompson thanked RMC staff for their high level service during session and stated that the Council was very well represented even during a very challenging session. Ms. Charlotte Davis highlighted 16 bills that were passed and informed the Committee that 60 position statements were submitted and 220 were tracked.

Bills Passed

- SB66/HB97: Department of Housing and Community Development-Office of Digital Inclusion – Established
- SB824/HB1328: Economic Development – Broadband Providers – Joint Trenching and Fee
- SB857/HB1280: Health – Maryland Behavioral and Public Safety Center of Excellence – Establishment
- SB13/HB1193: Certified Nursing Assistants – Certified Renewal – Training Program Requirements
- SB3/HB123: Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021
- SB102/HB1252: Income Tax – Credits for Preceptors in Areas with Health Care Workforce Shortages
- SB153/HB376: Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Municipal Electric Utilities
- SB474/HB384: Real Property: Sale of Mobile Home Parks – Notice Requirements
- SB571/HB736: Interstate Licensed Professional Counselors Compact
- SB673/HB269: Department of Agriculture – Urban Agriculture Grant Program
- SB692/HB860: State Planning – Preservation of Agricultural Land – Goal
- SB723/HB831: Maryland Food System Resiliency Council
- SB821/HB1232: Alcoholic Beverages – Manufacturer's Licenses and Off-Site Permits
- HB588: Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2022)
- SB493/HB589: Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act 2021
- HB590/SB492: Creation of a State Debt – Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2021, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020.

Legislative Review: Ms. Lindsay Thompson highlighted the two successful events that were held during session - a virtual Rural Maryland Day on February 11, 2021 and an in-person Maryland Day *Grab & Go Lunch* on March 25, 2021 at Lawyers Mall in downtown Annapolis.

Other: Participants shared successes from session.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.