



February 20, 2018

The Honorable Bobby A. Zirkin  
Judicial Proceedings Committee  
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: SB 0971** – Corporations and Associations – Recordation and Filing – Proof of Occupational and Professional Licensing - **Oppose**

Dear Senator Zirkin:

SB 0971 would require all businesses which provide services which require an occupational or professional license from the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations to include a notarized copy of the required professional or commercial license with any filing with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy of over 600 members, opposes this legislation. This places a burden on such businesses to gather together all of the licenses its employees have, copy them and have them notarized. This is an unproductive use of business time, which increases costs, and does not serve any discernable purpose. Further, employees of SDAT would have no way of knowing that any given business entity would or would not have licensing requirements for any of its employees, making the content of the bill unenforceable.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce requests that you give this bill an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McMullin'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mike McMullin  
President  
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

CC: Senator Justin Ready  
Delegate Haven Shoemaker