



January 31, 2019

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass  
Health and Government Operations Committee  
Room 241, House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: HB 0157 – State Government - Regulations Impacting Small Businesses – Support**

Dear Delegate Pendergrass:

This bill would require the Department of Budget and Management to enter into an agreement with an entity to provide training to promulgating executive agencies on the preparation of economic impact analyses on the effect proposed regulations may have on small businesses, and further, that such training shall occur every 2 years. Further, the bill would provide for an electronic registry to allow small businesses or other interested parties to receive electronic notification of proposed regulations.

The bill also deals with the subject of a small business being the subject of a notice for being in violation of a state statute or regulation by having the state agency in question take into account the fact that the business is a small business by allowing for the waiver of any penalty if the violator corrects the violation within 30 days of receiving notice; taking into account the fact the violator is a small business in setting the amount of any penalty; and crediting the costs of correcting the violation against the penalty assessed.

Given the complexity of state statutes and regulations and the cost to small businesses in complying with them, we feel this legislation would assist small businesses by providing more training to state agencies in having an accurate assessment of the economic impact of proposed regulations on small businesses, and educate small businesses on the meaning of proposed regulations and mitigating action taken against small businesses for non-compliance with statutes or regulations.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 600 members, supports this bill and asks that your Committee give it a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mike McMullin'.

Mike McMullin  
President  
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

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Senator Justin Ready

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