



## House Bill 410

### *Task Force on Prohibiting Debris From Entering Storm Drains or Stormwater Inlets*

MACo Position: **SUPPORT**  
**WITH AMENDMENTS**

To: Environment and Transportation Committee

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The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **SUPPORTS** HB 410 **WITH AMENDMENTS**. The bill would study the important issue of debris entering storm drains but lacks county government representation.

HB 410 would establish a Task Force on Prohibiting Debris from Entering Storm Drains or Stormwater Inlets. The Task Force will study potential methods, feasibility, and costs of preventing debris from entering storm drains and stormwater inlets and washing into the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries. The Task Force must also consider potential funding sources, pilot programs, and recommendations regarding debris prevention. A report on the Task Force's findings and recommendations is due November 1, 2019.

MACo has no issue with the Task Force's charge but notes that the Task Force's findings and recommendations could have a significant effect on county governments given the large amount of storm drains owned or maintained by counties. The current 6-member Task Force has NO local government representation. Accordingly, MACo is offering an amendment to add a county representative.

With a county representative, MACo believes HB 410 can undertake a fair and productive study of the storm drain debris issue. Accordingly, MACo requests the Committee give HB 410 a report of **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS**.

### **MACo PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HB 410**

*(Adds a county representative through MACo)*

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(iv) the Maryland Association of Counties”.