

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SENATE DELEGATION

BILL REPORT: MC 4-10

Montgomery County – Tenant Credit Check Restriction Act (Delegates Ali, Barkley, Feldman, Gutierrez, Hixson, Hucker & Manno)

Motion on Bill: HOLD (6-1) on April 1, 2010

Motion Offered By: LENETT 2nd By:

Voting For: FOREHAND, FROSH, GARAGIOLA, KRAMER, LENETT, MADALENO

Voting Against: RASKIN

SUMMARY: As passed by the House Delegation, the bill prohibits the owner or landlord of rental housing from conducting a credit check of a tenant applicant who qualifies for a 100% monthly housing assistance payment from the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County (HOC).

As amended by the House Delegation, the bill authorizes the owner or landlord of rental housing to conduct a credit check on a tenant applicant who qualifies for a 100% monthly housing assistance payment from the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County, but prohibits the owner or landlord from rejecting the applicant on the basis of inadequate income, source of income, or on other factors related to the applicant's ability to pay the rent.

TESTIMONY:

Supporting: Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County (*written and oral*), CASA of Maryland (*written*)

Opposing: (None)