



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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### **WORCESTER COUNTY:**

**Ocean City:** Officials from planning and the city council met on 4/1 to discuss parking space size requirements for future developments. Many sizes were discussed and the council sent a request to the city staff to come up with ingress and vehicle size requirements so that the council can come to a decision.

**Ocean City:** Town officials met with state officials to discuss affordable housing in the city. The consensus was to create workforce and affordable housing off the island of Ocean City and look to partner with the county.

**MARYLAND:** The general assembly is at crossover where Senate bills and House bills move from one chamber to another with only sponsor testimony to see what bills will make it to the open floor for a vote.

A major bill has made it out of rules, HB 1515 Sponsored by Delegate Moon. The bill would assign sales tax to services, including sales commissions. There is strong opposition to this bill from various groups including the retail association of Maryland and the Maryland Association of Realtors. Many members of the Democratic leadership have also expressed opposition to the bill. Monday there are hearings to determine if this bill will make it to the floor of the house and be voted on.