

Lawmakers are working hard to support local businesses

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COLUMBIA, Md., – Maryland Business for Responsive Government (MBRG), a statewide, nonpartisan, non-profit organization, has released the 2015 results of its annual publication Roll Call, now available online here: www.MBRG.org/Roll-Call.

Each year, MBRG selects recorded votes from the most recent General Assembly session that have practical or philosophical importance to the widest possible range of Maryland businesses, trade associations, and chambers of commerce. MBRG identifies the selected bills in Roll Call and analyzes the votes to produce a score for each legislator.

Calvert County's average score of 82% did meet MBRG's definition of pro-business, which is a score of 70% or higher.

"Generally, the legislature assumed a more moderate stance this year on issues that affect business and jobs in Maryland," said Duane Carey, MBRG President. "We have a long way to go, but we are giving credit to the General Assembly – as a whole - for avoiding tax increases and publicly acknowledging the need to improve our business climate. But we clearly have some work to do in the few counties in which most of the legislators failed to vote with business."

For the 2015 analysis, Roll Call analyzed 8 Senate votes and 11 House votes.

About Maryland Business for Responsive Government (MBRG)

MBRG is a statewide, nonpartisan political research and education organization supported by corporations, trade associations, chambers of commerce, and individuals. Its purpose is to inform Maryland's business community, elected officials, and the general public about the political and economic environment needed to foster economic development and job creation in Maryland. Annual evaluations of the voting records of Maryland's state and federal legislators enable MBRG and its members to hold politicians accountable for the state's economic well-being like no other organization.

About Roll Call

Roll Call is compiled by an independent advisory council of roughly 18 organizations (companies, chambers of commerce, and other business and trade organizations) involved in the 90-day session in Annapolis. The purpose of Roll Call is to educate, inform, and empower Maryland employers, business owners, and others to engage in a dialogue with elected officials on issues critical to a healthy economic development climate in Maryland. MBRG has been issuing its annual report card for 30 years.

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