# **SENATE BILL 26**

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#### By: Senators Kagan, Young, King, and Peters Requested: July 18, 2016 Introduced and read first time: January 11, 2017

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

## 2 Maryland False Claims Act – Municipal Corporations

- FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "governmental entity" to include a municipal
  corporation for purposes of the Maryland False Claims Act; providing for the
  application of this Act; and generally relating to false claims against municipal
  corporations.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 8 Article General Provisions
- 9 Section 8–101(e)
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (2014 Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14		Article – General Provisions
15	8–101.	

- 16 (e) "Governmental entity" means:
- 17 (1) the State; [or]
- 18 (2) a county; **OR**
- 19 (3) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to 2 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or 3 application to any cause of action arising before the effective date of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 5 October 1, 2017.