

Tips for Using My MGA for Maryland Legislative Testimony

Steps to Give Testimony on a Bill

- Head to the Maryland Legislative Site <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/>
- Set up your own My MGA account. You'll need an email and a password.
- Look up when hearings are scheduled for your bill in both the senate and the house.
 - If the bill has been written and is online, take some time to read the bill.
- Sign-in and Sign up for testimony

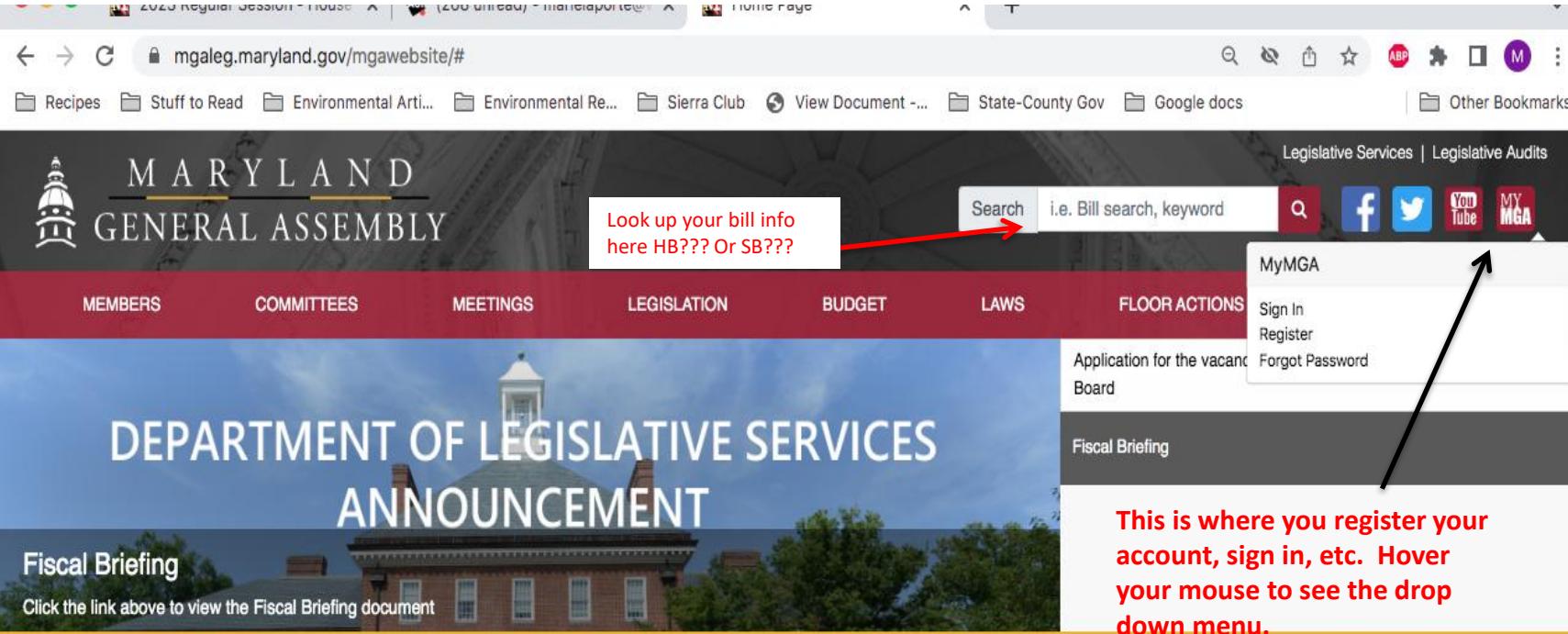
Note: You will not see any way to be a witness on your bill until 8:00am on the hearing sign-up day.

 - House sign-up occurs two days before a hearing and must be done between 8:00am and 6:00pm (Set your alarm to remind yourself) <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/pubs-current/current-ent-faqs.pdf>
 - Senate sign-up occurs two days before a hearing and must be done between 8:00am and 6:00pm <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/pubs-current/current-eee-faqs.pdf>
 - Are you planning to submit written testimony? Do you also want to provide oral testimony? Do you want to do that in-person or remotely? These are all options when you provide testimony.
- For oral: Be sure to show up. Testimony begins at 1pm, but you may have to wait until your bill is discussed. Plan to be available the whole afternoon.

Written and Oral Testimony

- Written:
 - Be sure to put your name, address, and organization if you're representing one.
 - Include the bill number, hearing date, senate or house committee, and position at the top of the page.
 - HBXYZ or SBZYX
 - Date of Hearing
 - Committee hearing the bill (e.g. EEE, GLE, ENT)
 - Position: e.g. FAV, FAV with amendments, UNFAV, Informational
 - Repeat your position (e.g. favorable, favorable with amendments) in your first sentence
 - Sign your name
 - Save it as a PDF! Include the bill number, your name/organization, position in the name of the file. E.G. HBXYZ_SierraClub_FAV (Note only approved testimony may be submitted on behalf of Sierra Club)
- Oral, we are limited to 4 people in favor.
 - You only have 2 minutes for testimony, use it wisely
 - Be respectful
 - Write it out or at least write your main points
 - Practice to be sure you can say what you wish in the limited time. You may be permitted to finish your sentence when the bell chimes, but that's it.
 - If you provide facts, be prepared to support them with the reputable source.

Create your my MGA Account and Look Up Your Bill



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Senate

Adjourned

until Tuesday, February 14, 2023

at 10:00 AM

House

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Session Information

Status

Senate Bills Introduced

Senate Synopsis of New Legislation

Bills Passed by Both Chambers

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Passed Both Chambers

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Title Maryland Native Plants Program

Sponsored by Senator Brooks

Status In the Senate - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.

Analysis

Synopsis Establishing the Maryland Native Plants Program to encourage and promote the use and sale of plants native to Maryland at retail garden centers and wholesale nurseries and to educate the public on native plants; requiring the University of Maryland Extension to administer the Program in coordination with the Department of Agriculture; requiring the University of Maryland Extension to hire an extension agent as a native plant specialist for certain purposes; etc.

Committees Original: Education, Energy, and the Environment

Details Cross-filed with: [HB0950](#)

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SENATE

Budget and Taxation Committee

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 - 1:00 PM

SB0267 Senator Watson Internet Gaming - Authorization and Implementation

SB0309 Senator West State Employment - Local School Employees - Clarification

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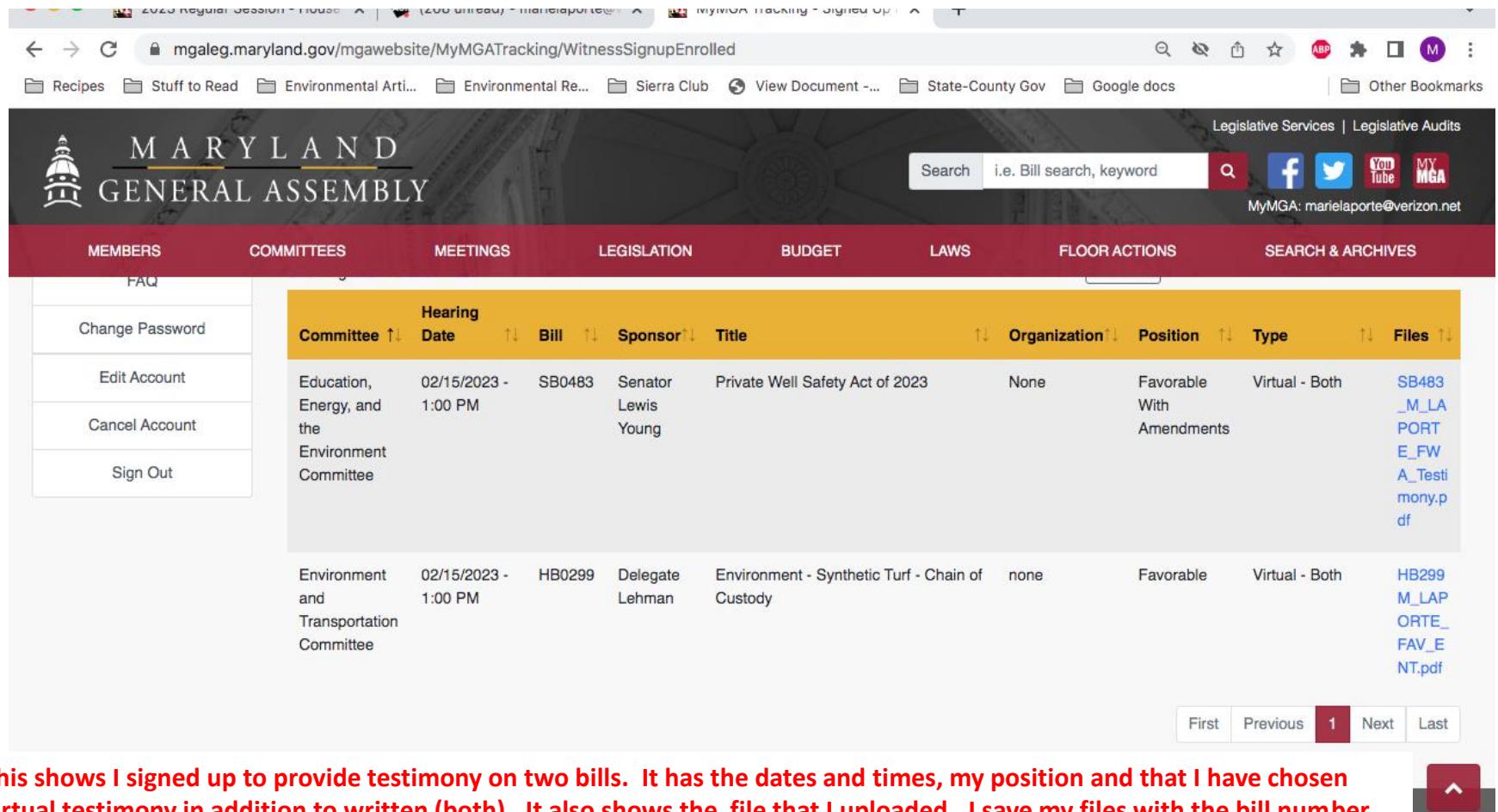
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After you've uploaded check your testimony here

You must register as favorable, favorable with amendments or opposed

This is where you upload your PDF file for written testimony

Check to Be Sure You've Registered Correctly Before Signing Out



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Maryland General Assembly website. The URL is mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/MyMGATracking/WitnessSignupEnrolled. The page title is "2023 Regular Session - House". The main content area shows a table of bills the user has signed up to testify on. The table has columns for Committee, Date, Bill, Sponsor, Title, Organization, Position, Type, and Files. The first row shows a hearing for the Private Well Safety Act of 2023, sponsored by Senator Lewis Young, with the user signed up as a "Favorable With Amendments" delegate. The second row shows a hearing for the Environment - Synthetic Turf - Chain of Custody bill, sponsored by Delegate Lehman, with the user signed up as a "Favorable" delegate. The table is titled "Hearing" and has a yellow header. The user's name, "marielaporte", is visible in the top right corner of the browser window.

Hearing		Committee	Date	Bill	Sponsor	Title	Organization	Position	Type	Files
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee	02/15/2023 - 1:00 PM	SB0483	Senator Lewis Young	Private Well Safety Act of 2023	None	Favorable With Amendments	Virtual - Both	SB483_M_LA_PORT_E_FW_A_Testimony.pdf		
Environment and Transportation Committee	02/15/2023 - 1:00 PM	HB0299	Delegate Lehman	Environment - Synthetic Turf - Chain of Custody	none	Favorable	Virtual - Both	HB299_M_LAP_ORTE_FADE_NT.pdf		

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This shows I signed up to provide testimony on two bills. It has the dates and times, my position and that I have chosen virtual testimony in addition to written (both). It also shows the file that I uploaded. I save my files with the bill number, my name, if I'm providing personal testimony, my position (e.g. FAV, FWA) and that it's a PDF.