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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County - Barbecue Grills - Residential Dwellings**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting in Wicomico County the use of barbecue grills on
4 balconies of certain residential dwellings and within a certain distance of any part of
5 a residential dwelling; and generally relating to a prohibition against the use of
6 barbecue grills at residential dwellings.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
9 Section 13(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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13 Article 38A - Fires and Investigations
14 Section 67
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article 38A - Fires and Investigations**

20 13.

21 (a) Whoever knowingly violates any regulations promulgated by the State Fire
22 Prevention Commission or any provision of this subtitle, shall be fined not more than
23 \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 10 days, or both.

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1 67.

2 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (2) "Barbecue grill" means equipment used for outdoor cooking that uses
4 electricity or the burning of charcoal, liquid propane gas, or other fuel for its heat source.

5 (3) (i) "Residential dwelling" means a building or portion of a building
6 that provides living or sleeping facilities for 1 or more individuals.

7 (ii) "Residential dwelling" includes a multifamily residential dwelling,
8 hotel, motel, boardinghouse, lodging house, rooming house, inn, club, or dormitory.

9 (iii) "Residential dwelling" does not include:

10 1. A single family residential dwelling; or

11 2. A multifamily residential dwelling arranged in a rowhouse
12 format in which dwelling units are side by side and none are superimposed above another.

13 (b) In Charles County AND IN WICOMICO COUNTY, a person may not use a
14 barbecue grill for outdoor cooking:

15 (1) On a balcony of a residential dwelling; and

16 (2) Within 20 feet of any part, including a balcony, of a residential dwelling.

17 (c) Penalties for violation of this subtitle shall be in accordance with § 13 of this
18 article.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 1997.