

HOUSE BILL 1189

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**ENROLLED BILL**

-- Judiciary/Economic and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Prince George's County Delegation**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER 709

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Publications - Newspaper of Record**  
3 **PG 403-01**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "newspaper in general circulation" in  
5 provisions of law that refer to publishing a certain legal advertisement or notice  
6 to ~~mean~~ include, for certain purposes, in Prince George's County, a newspaper of  
7 record and certain other newspapers; and generally relating to altering the  
8 definition of "newspaper in general circulation" to ~~mean~~ include, in Prince  
9 George's County, a newspaper of record and certain other newspapers.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation  
12 Section 28  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

3 **Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation**

4 28.

5 (A) In a law, resolution, or court order or decree that refers to publishing a  
6 legal advertisement or legal notice, words such as "paper", "newspaper", "newspaper  
7 in general circulation", or "newspaper devoted to the dissemination of general news"  
8 mean, unless otherwise provided, a publication that:

9 (1) Has at least 4 pages;

10 (2) Habitually contains news items, reports of current events, editorial  
11 comments, advertising matter, and other miscellaneous information that is of public  
12 interest and is found generally in an ordinary newspaper;

13 (3) At least once a week for 6 months or more before publication of the  
14 notice or advertisement, has been published and distributed, by sale, from an  
15 established place of business;

16 (4) Has general circulation throughout the community where the  
17 publication is published; and

18 (5) Is entitled to be entered as second-class matter in the United States  
19 mail.

20 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND FOR PURPOSES OF  
21 THE PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS OF THE STATE, IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY,  
22 "NEWSPAPER IN GENERAL CIRCULATION" MEANS INCLUDES:

23 (1) A NEWSPAPER DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL AS A  
24 NEWSPAPER OF RECORD; AND

25 (2) A NEWSPAPER THAT:

26 (I) QUALIFIES UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION WITH  
27 RESPECT TO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY; AND

28 (II) IS PUBLISHED BY A SMALL BUSINESS AS DEFINED IN § 14-201  
29 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
31 October 1, 2001.

