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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 733

(The Speaker)(By Request - Department of Legislative
Services - Code Revision)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Local Government - Cross-References and Corrections

This code revision bill (1) corrects cross-references to the new Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; (2) clarifies the application of specified provisions; (3) makes specified conforming changes; (4) deletes obsolete references; (5) provides for the construction and effect of specified provisions; and (6) makes stylistic changes.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill does not affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: This bill is a companion to HB 472 which adds the new Local Government Article to the Annotated Code. The new Local Government Article as a whole governs the laws relating to counties, municipalities, and other local political subdivisions. The article is composed of 13 different former articles of the code that are revised in their entirety in the new Local Government Article and will, therefore, be repealed in their entirety, Article 19, Article 23A, Article 24, Article 25, Article 25A, Article 25B, Article 26, Article 31, Article 49B, Article 75, Article 78A, Article 95, Article 96½, and two articles that are partially revised in the Local Government Article, Article 23 and Article 41.

The Local Government Article is a product of the continuing revision of the Annotated Code of Maryland by the legal staff of the Office of Policy Analysis of the Department of Legislative Services. The first revised articles were enacted at the First Extraordinary Session of 1973 and, as of the date of the introduction in the General Assembly of the Local Government Article, 33 revised articles have become law: Agriculture, Business Occupations and Professions, Business Regulation, Commercial Law, Corporations and Associations, Correctional Services, Courts and Judicial Proceedings, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Economic Development, Education, Election Law, Estates and Trusts, Family Law, Financial Institutions, Health – Environmental (now Environment), Health – General, Health Occupations, Housing and Community Development, Human Services, Insurance, Labor and Employment, Land Use, Natural Resources, Public Safety, Public Utility Companies (now Public Utilities), Real Property, State Finance and Procurement, State Government, State Personnel and Pensions, Tax – General, Tax – Property, and Transportation.

Every effort is made to ensure that a proposed revision conforms as nearly as possible to the intent of the General Assembly, and any issues involving the interpretation of an aspect of current law are highlighted in the appropriate revisor’s note. In other instances, the staff and the Article Review Committee have used revisor’s notes to call to the attention of the General Assembly fundamental policy issues that are beyond the purview of the revision process.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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