

HOUSE BILL 1079

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By: **Delegate Holmes**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2018

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County and Prince George's County – Building and Housing Codes –**
3 **Materials Used to Board or Secure Residential Property**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a building or housing code adopted by Frederick County or
5 Prince George's County to prohibit the use of plywood to board or secure the windows
6 or doors of a certain property and to require the use of certain polycarbonate material
7 to board or secure the windows or doors of a certain property; and generally relating
8 to building and housing codes in Frederick County and Prince George's County.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Local Government
11 Section 13–908
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2013 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Local Government**

17 **13–908.**

18 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN FREDERICK COUNTY AND PRINCE**
19 **GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

20 **(B) A BUILDING CODE OR HOUSING CODE ADOPTED BY A COUNTY SHALL:**

21 **(1) PROHIBIT PLYWOOD FROM BEING USED TO BOARD OR SECURE**
22 **THE WINDOWS OR DOORS OF AN ABANDONED OR UNSAFE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY;**
23 **AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) REQUIRE THE USE OF A CLEAR SHATTERPROOF POLYCARBONATE**
2 **MATERIAL TO BOARD OR SECURE THE WINDOWS OR DOORS OF AN ABANDONED OR**
3 **UNSAFE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2018.