

HOUSE BILL 980

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Public Ethics – Definition of Application**

3 **PG 416–21**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition of “application” to exclude participation in
5 adopting and approving a certain amendment to a countywide zoning map in Prince
6 George’s County for a certain purpose; providing for the termination of this Act; and
7 generally relating to public ethics and Prince George’s County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – General Provisions

10 Section 5–833(a), (i), (j), and (k)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – General Provisions

15 Section 5–833(d)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – General Provisions**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 5-833.

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

3 (d) **(1)** “Application” means:

4 [(1)] **(I)** an application for:

5 [(i)] **1.** a zoning map amendment;

6 [(ii)] **2.** a special exception;

7 [(iii)] **3.** a departure from design standards;

8 [(iv)] **4.** a revision to a special exception site plan;

9 [(v)] **5.** an expansion of a legal nonconforming use;

10 [(vi)] **6.** a revision to a legal nonconforming use site plan; or

11 [(vii)] **7.** a request for a variance from the zoning ordinance;

12 [(2)] **(II)** an application to approve:

13 [(i)] **1.** a comprehensive design plan;

14 [(ii)] **2.** a conceptual site plan; or

15 [(iii)] **3.** a specific design plan; or

16 [(3)] **(III)** participation in adopting and approving an area master plan or
 17 sectional map amendment by appearance at a public hearing, filing a statement in the
 18 official record, or other similar communication to a member of the County Council or the
 19 Planning Board, where the intent is to intensify the zoning category applicable to the land
 20 of the applicant.

21 **(2) “APPLICATION” DOES NOT INCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN**
 22 **ADOPTING AND APPROVING A COUNTYWIDE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT THAT IS**
 23 **RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT**
 24 **COUNCIL, WHERE THE INTENT IS TO IMPLEMENT AN APPROVED GENERAL PLAN BY**
 25 **REPEALING AND REPLACING ALL ZONING CATEGORIES APPLICABLE TO LAND IN**
 26 **PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

27 (i) “County Council” means the County Council of Prince George’s County.

1 (j) “County Executive” means the County Executive of Prince George’s County.

2 (k) “District Council” means the County Council of Prince George’s County sitting
3 as the District Council for the Prince George’s County portion of the Maryland–Washington
4 Regional District.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of
7 December 31, 2022, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall
8 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.