



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Testimony in Support of HB453

Testimony by Delegate Andrew Pruski

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What the Bill Does:

The purpose of HB453 is to repeal certain limitations on the Anne Arundel County Council's authority to grant fee exemptions and fee credits against developmental impact fees, and generally relating to developmental impact fees in Anne Arundel County.

Why the Bill is Important:

HB453 is important because it gives more flexibility to the Anne Arundel County Council to decide whether there are any conditions for granting exemptions or credits in order to align the County's impact fee structure with development goals. It allows the Anne Arundel County Council to examine each exemption or grant of credit on a case-by-case basis to fully understand the reason to grant exemption or credit against the fees and change the amount of the fees themselves. Currently, the State gives Anne Arundel County limited authority to grant exemptions from or credits against development impact fees for development only by not-for-profit entities that have been in existence for at least three years.

The passage of this bill would allow for discretion of the County Council to exempt or provide a credit on impact fees for a construction or development project that:

- Is a moderately priced dwelling unit
- Is an accessory dwelling unit
- Complies with the Counties existing requirements for "workforce housing"
- Qualifies for impact fee credits in cases where developers directly provide for infrastructure and/or services on behalf of the County.

On behalf of the Anne Arundel County Council, I request a favorable report on HB453.