Chapter 675

(House Bill 1321)

AN ACT concerning

Land Use – Southern Maryland Code Counties – Subdivision Regulations – Property Dedication and Fee

FOR the purpose of authorizing a Southern Maryland code county to provide in the county's subdivision regulations for a certain dedication, or fee in lieu of dedication, of real property for recreational purposes; and generally relating to the subdivision regulations of Southern Maryland code counties.

BY adding to

Article – Land Use Section 1–403 Annotated Code of Maryland (2012 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

Article – Land Use

1 - 403.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES IN CODE COUNTIES ONLY IN THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND CLASS, AS ESTABLISHED IN § 9–302 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(B) A COUNTY MAY PROVIDE IN THE COUNTY'S SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS FOR:

(1) THE DEDICATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR RECREATION; OR

(2) IN LIEU OF DEDICATION, THE PAYMENT OF A FEE TO BE USED BY THE COUNTY FOR THE PURCHASE, DEVELOPMENT, AND IMPROVEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, May 9, 2024.