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**By: Washington County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Forest Conservation - Industrial and Commercial Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting certain lots zoned for certain uses in Washington County  
4 from the Forest Conservation Act of 1991.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article - Natural Resources  
7 Section 5-1602(b)(10) and (11)  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (1989 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - Natural Resources**

13 5-1602.

14 (b) The provisions of this subtitle do not apply to:

15 (10) A county that has and maintains 200,000 acres or more of its land area in  
16 forest cover;

17 (11) ANY LOT ZONED FOR INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL USE AND  
18 LOCATED IN A DESIGNATED GROWTH AREA IN WASHINGTON COUNTY; and

19 [(11)] (12) The cutting or clearing of trees to comply with the requirements of  
20 14 C.F.R. § 77.25 relating to objects affecting navigable airspace, provided that the  
21 Federal Aviation Administration has determined that the trees are a hazard to aviation.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 1996.