

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 687 (Prince George's County and Montgomery County Delegations)
Commerce and Government Matters Referred to Select Bi-County

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission -
Montgomery County - Zoning Regulations
PG/MC 8-96

This amended bill provides that the Montgomery County Council, sitting as the District Council, may require that the approval of at least four out of the five members of the Board of Appeals is necessary to adopt a zoning resolution involving a special exception. A procedural motion regarding a special exception application needs the approval of a simple majority. The bill also allows the District Council to adopt different voting requirements for different uses in any zone. These provisions are effective June 1, 1997.

In addition, the District Council must appoint a task force to review and evaluate those special exceptions in Chapter 59 of the county code (Zoning Ordinance) that may warrant the applicability of supermajority voting requirements. The District Council must report on the implementation of the bill's provisions to the Montgomery County Delegations by May 31, 1997.

The bill is effective June 1, 1996.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Any change in the approval process for special exception zoning resolutions would not directly affect Montgomery County finances. The task force could be staffed and reimbursed for expenses within existing resources.

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