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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**  
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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Publications - Newspaper of Record**  
3 **PG 403-01**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "newspaper in general circulation" in  
5 provisions of law that refer to publishing a certain legal advertisement or notice  
6 to mean, in Prince George's County, a newspaper of record; and generally  
7 relating to altering the definition of "newspaper in general circulation" to mean,  
8 in Prince George's County, a newspaper of record.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation  
11 Section 28  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

16 **Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation**

17 28.

18 (A) In a law, resolution, or court order or decree that refers to publishing a  
19 legal advertisement or legal notice, words such as "paper", "newspaper", "newspaper  
20 in general circulation", or "newspaper devoted to the dissemination of general news"  
21 mean, unless otherwise provided, a publication that:

22 (1) Has at least 4 pages;

23 (2) Habitually contains news items, reports of current events, editorial  
24 comments, advertising matter, and other miscellaneous information that is of public  
25 interest and is found generally in an ordinary newspaper;

1           (3)     At least once a week for 6 months or more before publication of the  
2 notice or advertisement, has been published and distributed, by sale, from an  
3 established place of business;

4           (4)     Has general circulation throughout the community where the  
5 publication is published; and

6           (5)     Is entitled to be entered as second-class matter in the United States  
7 mail.

8     (B)     SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, IN PRINCE GEORGE'S  
9 COUNTY, "NEWSPAPER IN GENERAL CIRCULATION" MEANS A NEWSPAPER  
10 DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL AS A NEWSPAPER OF RECORD.

11     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2001.