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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 370

(Senator Miller)

Select Committee No. 7

Environmental Matters

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**Prince George's County - Rubble Landfills - Special Exceptions**

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This bill prohibits the District Council of Prince George's County from approving a special exception to construct or operate a rubble landfill at a site in the county if an application for a special exception for the site was previously denied on or after October 1, 1981.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Potential increase in transportation costs in Prince George's County relating to the removal of debris and rubble to landfills outside of Prince George's County.

**Small Business Effect:** To the extent that this bill prohibits a landowner from constructing and operating a rubble landfill, the bill would have a meaningful impact on that landowner.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Prince George's County Council, consisting of nine members, serves as the District Council. Special exceptions can be approved with a simple majority vote.

**Background:** This prohibition would affect two proposed landfill sites in Prince George's County. This includes the proposed Cross Road Trails rubble landfill site in Brandywine, which was originally rejected by the District Council in 1992, and the

proposed Maryland Reclamation rubble landfill site on Brown Station Road, which has an application pending before the District Council.

According to the Prince George's County Government, most of the rubble landfills in the county have been or soon will be closed because they have reached capacity. Due to the shortage of landfill capacity in the county, government entities and businesses may have to transport rubble fill to landfills outside of the county resulting in greater costs for disposal.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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