

**Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly

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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 770

(Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery  
County Delegation)

Commerce and Government Matters

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**Prince George's County - Land Use Regulation - Delegation to Municipal  
Corporations PG/MC 115-02**

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This bill authorizes the District Council of Prince George's County to delegate to a municipal corporation authority governing compliance alternatives to landscaping requirements. The bill stipulates that when the District Council delegates any zoning authority to a municipal corporation, the municipal corporation may not impose any standards or requirements that are *substantially* different from those used by the District Council.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill would not directly affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) finances would not be materially affected. Any powers delegated to a municipal government could be handled with the entity's existing planning resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The District Council may delegate zoning authority for design standards, parking and loading standards, sign design standards, landscaping requirements, and variances for lot size, setback, and similar requirements. When exercising delegated authority, the governing body of a municipal corporation may not impose any standard or

requirement different from standards or requirements that would apply had the District Council not delegated its authority to the municipal corporation.

**Background:** Alternative compliance applications are currently reviewed by M-NCPPC. There is no fee for an alternative compliance application.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** HB 852 of 2001 passed the House and passed the Senate with amendments. No further action was taken. Similar legislation was introduced during the 1999 session as HB 587. The bill was withdrawn.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** City of Bowie, City of College Park, Prince George's County, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Legislative Services

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