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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 134 (Senator Stone)(Chairman, Baltimore County Senators)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Environmental Matters

Baltimore County Code - 2003 Edition - Legalization

This bill legalizes the 2003 edition of the Baltimore County Code and any supplement to the 2003 edition that contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2004.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore County finances would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: Chapter 6 of 1990 legalized the 1988 edition of the Baltimore County Code. Baltimore County is one of nine counties that operate under the charter form of government. Charter counties have express powers delegated to them by the General Assembly. Charter counties do not need to seek General Assembly approval for changes to local laws except laws regarding alcoholic beverages, courts, criminal law, education, campaign finance regulation, gambling, and taxation exclusive of property taxes. However, legalizing changes enacted by the General Assembly to the new edition of the county code and any supplement must receive approval of the General Assembly.

Baltimore County advises that publication and sales of the new edition of the Baltimore County Code are handled by an outside vendor; the vendor pays all costs to publish the code and receives all revenues from its sale.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 230 (Delegate Minnick) – Environmental Matters.

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