
By: **Washington County Delegation**
 Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2005
 Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Weed Control - Regulation and Removal**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Washington
 4 County to adopt regulations for restricting the growth of certain weeds within
 5 Washington County; authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of
 6 Washington County to convert certain unpaid charges made against any real
 7 property within Washington County for certain reasons, to liens against the real
 8 property; requiring the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County
 9 to provide notice to certain individuals prior to the removal of certain weeds or
 10 debris under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the regulation and
 11 removal of nonnoxious weeds in Washington County.

12 BY adding to
 13 Article 25 - County Commissioners
 14 Section 9K
 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
 16 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 25 - County Commissioners**

20 9K.

21 (A) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY MAY
 22 ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR RESTRICTING THE GROWTH OF NONNOXIOUS WEEDS ON
 23 ANY REAL PROPERTY WITHIN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

24 (B) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY MAY
 25 PROVIDE THAT ANY VALID UNPAID CHARGES MADE AGAINST ANY REAL PROPERTY
 26 WITHIN WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE REMOVAL OF ANY UNAUTHORIZED
 27 ACCUMULATION OF WEEDS AND DEBRIS FROM THAT PROPERTY SHALL BE LIENS,
 28 UNTIL PAID, UPON THE REAL PROPERTY AGAINST WHICH THE REMOVAL CHARGES
 29 HAVE BEEN MADE.

1 (C) PRIOR TO THE REMOVAL OF WEEDS OR DEBRIS FROM PROPERTY UNDER
2 CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH COULD RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF A LIEN AS
3 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B), REASONABLE NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE
4 PROPERTY OWNER THAT SUCH A LIEN MAY BE IMPOSED.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2005.