
By: **Senators Pipkin and Jacobs**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County - Planning Commission - Meetings - Notice of Time, Place, and**
3 **Agenda**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Planning Commission for Cecil County to publish
5 notice of the time and place of certain meetings together with a summary of the
6 proposed agenda for the meeting at certain intervals over a certain time period;
7 providing that when the agenda contains an item that, by law, must be decided
8 by the Planning Commission within a certain period, the period is stayed for a
9 certain time period; and generally relating to the publication of notice of time,
10 place, and agenda of certain meetings of the Planning Commission for Cecil
11 County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article 66B - Land Use
14 Section 14.04(a)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article 66B - Land Use
19 Section 14.04(e)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

24 **Article 66B - Land Use**

25 14.04.

26 (a) This section applies to Cecil County.

27 (E) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY,
28 EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PLANNING COMMISSION SHALL

1 PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF EACH MEETING OF THE PLANNING
2 COMMISSION THAT SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TOGETHER WITH A SUMMARY OF
3 THE PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE MEETING IN AT LEAST ONE NEWSPAPER OF
4 GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY ONCE EACH WEEK FOR 2 SUCCESSIVE
5 WEEKS.

6 (2) THE PLANNING COMMISSION SHALL PUBLISH THE FIRST NOTICE OF
7 THE MEETING AT LEAST 15 DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING.

8 (3) IF THE AGENDA CONTAINS AN ITEM THAT, BY LAW, MUST BE
9 DECIDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITHIN A CERTAIN PERIOD, THE PERIOD
10 SHALL BE STAYED FOR UP TO 30 DAYS TO ALLOW FOR THE PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED
11 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

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