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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 471 (Anne Arundel County Delegation)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Anne Arundel County Code - 2005 Edition - Legalization**

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This bill legalizes the 2005 edition of the Anne Arundel County Code and any supplement to the 2005 edition to the extent that the code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2006.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill's provisions are technical in nature and would not affect county finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Background:** Anne Arundel County operates under the charter home rule form of government. Charter counties have the authority to enact local ordinances for the public good as long as such ordinances are not inconsistent with other State law. However, there are several areas of law that are outside a charter county's jurisdiction because of State preemption, including: • alcoholic beverages; • courts; • criminal law (including gambling); • education; • elections (at least as it relates to campaign finance regulation); and • taxation, exclusive of property taxes.

The 2005 edition of the Anne Arundel County Code was adopted by Bill 82-05 of the Anne Arundel County Council and became effective November 9, 2005. The new edition may contain provisions that had been enacted by the General Assembly; therefore, this bill legalizes those provisions.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 859 (Chairman, Anne Arundel County Senators) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

**Information Source(s):** Anne Arundel County, Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Legislative Services

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