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Senate Bill 859   (Chairman, Anne Arundel County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs   Environmental Matters

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Anne Arundel County Code - 2005 Edition - Legalization

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.

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.

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.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 471 (Delegate Love) (Chairman, Anne Arundel County Delegation) – Environmental Matters.

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