

# HOUSE BILL 679

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Real Property - Home Builders - Disclosures in**  
3 **Contracts of Sale**

4 **PG 424-07**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring that, in Prince George's County, a home builder that  
6 agrees to provide a community amenity to a community development must  
7 include certain information in the contract of sale; providing for a penalty;  
8 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the disclosure  
9 of certain information by a home builder in Prince George's County.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Real Property

12 Section 10-705

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Real Property**

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**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 **10-705.**

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "COMMUNITY AMENITY" INCLUDES A:

3 (1) COUNTRY CLUB;

4 (2) GOLF COURSE;

5 (3) HEALTH CLUB;

6 (4) PARK;

7 (5) SWIMMING POOL;

8 (6) TENNIS COURT; AND

9 (7) WALKING TRAIL.

10 (B) IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, A HOME BUILDER THAT AGREES TO  
11 PROVIDE A COMMUNITY AMENITY TO A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SHALL  
12 INCLUDE IN THE CONTRACT OF SALE THE DATE BY WHICH THE COMMUNITY  
13 AMENITY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE.

14 (C) A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A  
15 FINE NOT EXCEEDING:

16 (1) \$1,000 FOR AN INITIAL VIOLATION; AND

17 (2) \$5,000 FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to  
19 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or  
20 application to any contracts entered into before the effective date of this Act.

21 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
22 effect October 1, 2007.