HOUSE BILL 753

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By: Washington County Delegation Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2007 Assigned to: Environmental Matters Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: March 16, 2007 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning Washington County Board of County Commissioners - Violations of Civil Offenses - Authority FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County to provide that violations of certain civil offenses may be prosecuted in a certain manner; requiring the Board of County Commissioners to adopt certain ordinances; requiring the Board of County Commissioners to provide certain individuals with copies of certain proposed ordinances before exercising certain authority; defining a certain term; and generally relating to violations of civil offenses in Washington County. BY adding to The Public Local Laws of Washington County Section 1-112 Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland (1991 Edition and December 1997 Supplement, as amended) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article 22 – Washington County

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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

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- 2 (A) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PROVIDE THAT A
- 3 VIOLATION OF THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE A CIVIL OFFENSE AND PROSECUTED
- 4 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 23A, § 3(B) OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF
- 5 **MARYLAND:**
- 6 (1) ANY ORDINANCE, CODE, RULE, OR BYLAW RELATING TO
- 7 REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING STANDARDS, INCLUDING ANY BUILDING, FIRE,
- 8 PLUMBING, OR ELECTRICAL CODE; OR
- 9 (2) ANY ORDINANCE, CODE, RULE, OR BYLAW RELATING TO THE
- 10 REGULATION OF SKILLED TRADE SERVICES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF
- 11 ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, HEATING, OR COOLING SERVICES.
- 12 (B) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ADOPT
- 13 ORDINANCES TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
- 14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:
- 15 (a) In this section, "Washington County Delegation" means the Senators and
- Delegates who are elected from Washington County or any portion of Washington
- 17 County.
- 18 (b) Before adopting an ordinance in accordance with Section 1 of this Act, the
- 19 Board of County Commissioners of Washington County shall provide the Washington
- 20 County Delegation with seven copies of the proposed ordinance.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 22 October 1, 2007.