

CHAPTER 254

(House Bill 753)

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

1–112.

(A) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION OF THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE A CIVIL OFFENSE AND PROSECUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 23A, § 3(B) OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND:

(1) ANY ORDINANCE, CODE, RULE, OR BYLAW RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR BUILDING STANDARDS, INCLUDING ANY BUILDING, FIRE, PLUMBING, OR ELECTRICAL CODE; OR

(2) ANY ORDINANCE, CODE, RULE, OR BYLAW RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF SKILLED TRADE SERVICES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, HEATING, OR COOLING SERVICES.

(B) THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ADOPT ORDINANCES TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) In this section, “Washington County Delegation” means the Senators and Delegates who are elected from Washington County or any portion of Washington County.

(b) Before adopting an ordinance in accordance with Section 1 of this Act, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County shall provide the Washington County Delegation with seven copies of the proposed ordinance.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.