

HOUSE BILL 931

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**
Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2008
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Montgomery**
3 **County – Planning Board – Enforcement Powers**

4 **PG/MC 112–08**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Montgomery County Planning Board to appoint a
6 hearing examiner with certain powers under certain circumstances; authorizing
7 the Circuit Court for Montgomery County to compel compliance with a
8 subpoena issued by a hearing examiner appointed by the Montgomery County
9 Planning Board under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the
10 enforcement powers of the Montgomery County Planning Board in the
11 Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

12 BY adding to

13 Article 28 – Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission
14 Section 7–116.1
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

19 **Article 28 – Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission**

20 **7–116.1.**

21 (A) **THIS SECTION APPLIES TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY DECISION OF**
22 **THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD OR ANY LAW OVER WHICH THE**
23 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD HAS JURISDICTION, INCLUDING**
24 **MONTGOMERY COUNTY SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AND ZONING ORDINANCES.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING BOARD MAY APPOINT A**
2 **HEARING EXAMINER WITH THE POWER:**

3 **(1) TO CONDUCT HEARINGS;**

4 **(2) TO ISSUE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS;**

5 **(3) TO ADMINISTER OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS; AND**

6 **(4) FOR DEPOSITIONS OR HEARINGS, TO REQUIRE BY SUBPOENA:**

7 **(I) THE TESTIMONY AND ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES; AND**

8 **(II) THE PRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE.**

9 **(C) IF A PERSON FAILS TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA ISSUED UNDER**
10 **THIS SECTION, THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY MAY COMPEL**
11 **COMPLIANCE WITH THE SUBPOENA.**

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2008.