

# SENATE BILL 170

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By: **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Board of Health – Meetings and Fee-Setting Powers**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county board of health to set a fee in connection with  
4 certain duties, powers, and functions delegated to a health officer or certain  
5 other county officials; altering the requirements for meetings to allow meetings  
6 during any 2 months in a year; making a stylistic change; and generally relating  
7 to county boards of health.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Health – General  
10 Section 3–202  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 3–202.

17 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each county  
18 board of health shall exercise the duties imposed by law on a board of health.

19 (2) The county board of health shall exercise those duties in each  
20 municipality or special taxing district in the county unless the municipality or district  
21 has a charter provision or ordinance that:

22 (i) Covers the same subject matter;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(ii) Is at least as restrictive as the provision that the county board is required to enforce; and

(iii) Includes provisions for enforcement.

(b) In addition to the other duties provided by law, each county board of health shall:

(1) Meet [in May and October of each] **IN ANY 2 MONTHS IN A** year **AS FORMALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD** and at any other time the board considers necessary;

(2) Coordinate its activities with the Department; and

(3) Report to the Department on the [sanitary] **HEALTH** conditions of the county whenever the board considers it important and necessary to do so.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection **AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION IN STATE LAW**, each county board of health may set any fee or charge in connection with:

(I) [its] **ITS** rules and regulations; **AND**

(II) **ANY DUTIES, POWERS, AND FUNCTIONS DELEGATED AS PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE OR THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE TO A HEALTH OFFICER FOR A COUNTY OR OTHER COUNTY OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS.**

(2) A fee or charge for a service that is provided wholly or partly with State or federal funds that the Department administers is subject to approval and modification by the Secretary.

(d) In addition to the other powers provided by law and subject to the provisions of this article, each county board of health may adopt and enforce rules and regulations on any nuisance or cause of disease in the county.

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2009.