

SENATE BILL 925

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charter and Code Home Rule Counties – County Employees – Furloughs**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county that has adopted charter or code home rule
4 to provide for the furlough of county employees by ordinance; prohibiting a
5 charter or code home rule county from providing for the furlough of county
6 employees by resolution; and generally relating to the furlough of charter and
7 code home rule county employees.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 25A – Chartered Counties of Maryland
10 Section 5(Q)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article 25B – Home Rule for Code Counties
15 Section 13
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

20 **Article 25A – Chartered Counties of Maryland**

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22 The following enumerated express powers are granted to and conferred upon
23 any county or counties which hereafter form a charter under the provisions of Article
24 XI–A of the Constitution, that is to say:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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2 (1) To provide for the appointment and removal of all county officers except
3 those whose appointment or election is provided for by the Constitution or public
4 general law, and to establish a merit system, if deemed desirable, in connection with
5 the appointment of all county officials and employees not elected or appointed under
6 the Constitution and the public general laws; to fix the qualifications and term of office
7 of such county executive authority as may be established, and to fix its compensation;
8 provided that the county council may enact local laws designed to prevent conflicts
9 between the private interests and public duties of any county officers, including
10 members of the county council, and to govern the conduct and actions of all such
11 county officers in the performance of their public duties, and to provide for penalties,
12 including removal from office, for violation of any such laws or the regulations adopted
13 thereunder.

14 (2) **TO PROVIDE FOR THE FURLOUGH OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES ONLY BY**
15 **ORDINANCE AND NOT BY RESOLUTION.**

16 (3) To provide for the conduct of a special election to fill a vacancy in the
17 county council that occurs upon the death or resignation of a member of the county
18 council or on forfeiture of office by a member of the county council.

19 **Article 25B – Home Rule for Code Counties**

20 13.

21 If a county adopts code home rule status under the provisions of Article XI–F of
22 the Maryland Constitution and this article, it may exercise those powers enumerated
23 in § 3 of Article 25, in subtitle “Draining Lands” of Article 25, and in § 5 of Article 25A,
24 except for subsections (A), (P) and (S) of § 5 of Article 25A, of the Annotated Code of
25 Maryland, 1957 Edition as amended; and no county adopting code home rule status
26 shall be excepted. These powers are in addition to any powers any county may now
27 have under any public general or local law applicable to the county.

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