

BY: Environmental Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 51
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, after “Clagett” insert “and Delegate Montgomery”; strike beginning with “providing” in line 3 down through the semicolon in line 6; in line 18, after “clotheslines;” insert “requiring a landlord or the governing body of a condominium, homeowners association, or housing cooperative to hold a certain open meeting and provide certain advance notice of the open meeting before adopting a restriction concerning the installation or use of clotheslines on single-family property; providing for the application of this Act;”; strike beginning with “residential” in line 18 down through “placement” in line 19 and substitute “the installation and use”; and strike in their entirety lines 20 through 28, inclusive.

On page 2, strike line 1 in its entirety.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 9 on page 2 through line 22 on page 4, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 4 through line 3 on page 5, inclusive.

On page 5, in line 4, strike “**(3)**” and substitute “**(2) (1)**”; strike beginning with “MEANS” in line 4 down through “TENANT” in line 6 and substitute “INCLUDES:”

1. A SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED HOME;

(Over)

2. A TOWNHOUSE; AND
3. A PROPERTY THAT IS SUBJECT TO:
 - A. TITLE 11 OF THIS ARTICLE;
 - B. TITLE 11B OF THIS ARTICLE; OR
 - C. TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 6B OF THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE”;

after line 6, insert:

“(II) “SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTY” DOES NOT INCLUDE PROPERTY THAT CONTAINS MORE THAN FOUR DWELLING UNITS.”;

and in line 7, strike “(4)” and substitute “(3)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 5, after line 29, insert:

“(F) BEFORE ADOPTING ANY RESTRICTION CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OR USE OF CLOTHESLINES ON SINGLE-FAMILY PROPERTY, A LANDLORD OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A CONDOMINIUM, HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, OR HOUSING COOPERATIVE SHALL:

(1) HOLD AN OPEN MEETING ON THE PROPOSED RESTRICTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AFFECTED HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD; AND

(2) PROVIDE ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE OPEN MEETING BY PUBLISHING THE NOTICE:

(I) IN A COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER;

(II) ON A COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD;

(III) BY MEANS PROVIDED IN THE LEASE OR GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF THE CONDOMINIUM, HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, OR HOUSING COOPERATIVE; OR

(IV) BY OTHER MEANS REASONABLY CALCULATED TO INFORM THE AFFECTED HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, after line 9, insert:

“(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A RESTRICTION CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OR USE OF CLOTHESLINES ON HISTORIC PROPERTY THAT IS LISTED IN, OR DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR INCLUSION IN, THE MARYLAND REGISTER OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES.”;

and in lines 10, 16, and 23, strike “(B)”, “(C)”, and “(D)”, respectively, and substitute “(C)”, “(D)”, and “(E)”, respectively.