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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 687 (Delegate G. Clagett)
Environmental Matters

Frederick County - Municipalities - Water and Sewer Classifications

This bill prohibits, in Frederick County only, the approval of a new or expanded water supply or public sewerage system, or a revision or amendment to a county water or sewer plan, unless the adoption, revision, or amendment to the county plan containing the water supply or sewerage system is (1) certified by the county planning agency as consistent with the county comprehensive plan and does not affect a municipality in the county; or (2) reviewed and certified by an affected municipality's planning agency as consistent with the municipality's comprehensive plan.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: The bill's changes are procedural in nature and are not anticipated to materially affect local finances in Frederick County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Each county must have a county plan or a plan with adjoining counties, approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) that deals with water supply systems, sewerage systems, solid waste disposal systems, solid waste acceptance facilities, and the systematic collection and disposal of solid waste. A county governing body must conduct a public hearing before any adoption, revision, or amendment of its county plan. Any adoption, revision, or amendment also must be submitted to each official planning agency with jurisdiction in the county for review and comment. The

county planning agency must certify that the adoption, revision, or amendment is consistent with the county comprehensive plan. County plans in Montgomery, Prince George's, and St. Mary's counties are subject to several additional procedural requirements.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 881 (Senator Brinkley) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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