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By: **Senators Currie, Benson, Muse, Peters, Ramirez, and Rosapepe**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Office of the Attorney General – Establishment of a Consumer Affairs**
3 **Satellite Office in Prince George’s County**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of the Attorney General to establish a
5 consumer affairs satellite office in Prince George’s County; providing for the
6 purpose of establishing the consumer affairs satellite office; requiring the
7 consumer affairs satellite office to provide consumers with certain resources;
8 requiring the Office of the Attorney General to give priority to a certain site in
9 determining where to locate the consumer affairs satellite office; requiring the
10 Office of the Attorney General, on or before a certain date, to report to the
11 Governor and the General Assembly on the operations of the consumer affairs
12 satellite office; and generally relating to the establishment by the Office of the
13 Attorney General of a consumer affairs satellite office in Prince George’s
14 County.

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That:

17 (a) On or before October 1, 2014, the Office of the Attorney General shall
18 establish a consumer affairs satellite office in Prince George’s County.

19 (b) The purpose of establishing the consumer affairs satellite office is to
20 broaden the reach of the Office of the Attorney General in order to better serve the
21 needs of residents of the Washington metropolitan area for consumer protection
22 services.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (c) The consumer affairs satellite office shall provide consumers with a
2 variety of resources, including allowing a consumer to:

3 (1) file a complaint with a representative of the Office of the Attorney
4 General; and

5 (2) receive counseling from a representative of the Office of the
6 Attorney General.

7 (d) In determining where to locate the consumer affairs satellite office in
8 Prince George’s County, the Office of the Attorney General shall give priority to a site
9 that is centrally located in the Washington metropolitan area.

10 (e) On or before December 31, 2014, the Office of the Attorney General shall
11 report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government
12 Article, the General Assembly on the operations of the consumer affairs satellite office,
13 including the number of consumers the office has served.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 June 1, 2014.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.