

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1037 (Delegate Fisher)  
Environmental Matters

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**Calvert County - Zoning - Target Ranges**

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This bill specifies that the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners may not prohibit the construction and use of (1) an indoor target range in any area of the county zoned for industrial, commercial, rural, or mixed use or (2) an indoor/outdoor or an outdoor target range in any area of the county zoned for rural, rural commercial, or light industrial use.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not expected to directly affect Calvert County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** To promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community, State law authorizes a legislative body, including a board of county commissioners, to regulate (1) the height, number of stories, and size of buildings and other structures; (2) the percentage of a lot that may be occupied; (3) off-street parking; (4) the size of yards, courts, and other open spaces; (5) population density; and (6) the location and use of buildings, signs, structures, and land. When zoning or rezoning land, a legislative body may impose any additional conditions or limitations considered appropriate to improve or protect the general character and design of (1) the land and improvements being zoned or rezoned or (2) the surrounding or adjacent land and improvements. The local government must have enforcement procedures in place and

requirements for adequate notice of public hearings and conditions and limitations sought to be imposed.

Calvert County recently considered changes to the county's zoning ordinance with respect to target ranges. Certain changes were approved by the Board of County Commissioners, including allowing for specified institutional target ranges (*e.g.*, law enforcement). The bill further expands opportunities for the location of target ranges in the county.

**Small Business Effect:** To the extent the bill creates additional opportunities for private target ranges to open in areas that are not otherwise available in the absence of this bill, small businesses may benefit.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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