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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 183 (Baltimore County Delegation)(By Request - Baltimore County Administration)
Environment and Transportation Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore County Code of Public Local Laws - 2015 Edition - Legalization

This bill legalizes the 2015 Edition of the Baltimore County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to it that contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore County advises that publication costs are estimated at \$35,000 in FY 2016, and that this amount is absorbable within existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: Chapter 251 of 2004 legalized the 2003 Edition of the Baltimore County Code and Chapter 6 of 1990 legalized the 1988 Edition of the Baltimore County Code. Baltimore County is 1 of 11 counties that operates under the charter form of government. Charter counties have express powers delegated to them by the General Assembly. Charter counties do not need to seek General Assembly approval for changes to local laws except laws regarding alcoholic beverages, courts, criminal law, education, campaign finance regulation, gambling, and taxation exclusive of property taxes. However, legalizing changes enacted by the General Assembly to the new edition of the county code and any supplement must receive approval of the General Assembly.

Baltimore County advises that its code is typically rewritten every 10 years.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 321 of 2013 was withdrawn prior to receiving a hearing from the House Environmental Matters Committee. Its cross file, SB 218, was withdrawn prior to receiving a hearing from the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Cross File: SB 330 (Senator Klausmeier) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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