

HOUSE BILL 563

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By: **Dorchester County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2025

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County – County Property Leases – Notice Exemptions**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting a lease of county property for a certain duration made by
4 Dorchester County from certain notice requirements; and generally relating to notice
5 requirements for leases of county property in Dorchester County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Local Government
8 Section 10–312(f)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Local Government**

14 10–312.

15 (f) (1) Except as provided in [paragraph] **PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3)** of this
16 subsection, before the county makes any disposition, grant, or lease of county property, the
17 county shall publish notice of the disposition, grant, or lease once a week for 3 successive
18 weeks in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county and shall include the
19 terms and the compensation to be received and give opportunity for objections.

20 (2) A county may grant an easement for a public utility without giving
21 notice under this subsection.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) DORCHESTER COUNTY MAY ENTER INTO A LEASE OF COUNTY**
2 **PROPERTY WITHOUT GIVING NOTICE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IF THE LEASE HAS A**
3 **TERM OF 5 YEARS OR LESS.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2025.