



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

BILL: House Bill 1087 - Business Occupations and Professions - Architects - Scope of Licensure

SPONSOR: Delegate Williams

HEARING DATE: March 10, 2020

COMMITTEE: Economic Matters

CONTACT: Intergovernmental Affairs Office, 301-780-8411

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS House Bill 1087** which exempts an individual from having to employ a licensed architect in connection with the alterations or repairs of an existing building located in a municipality, if the costs of the alteration or repair do not exceed \$50,000. Specifically, the bill increases the existing threshold from \$5,000 to \$50,000 for a project to qualify for the exemption.

Increasing the threshold at which individuals are required to employ licensed architects for specified alterations or repairs to an existing building, in a municipality, can provide assistance to small business owners. Prince George's County supports this intention, but believes that a threshold below \$50,000 may be more appropriate.

For the reasons stated above, the Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS House Bill 1087** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report.