Bill No. 37-15
Concerning: Boards, Committees, and Commissions - Advocacy
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COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Lead Sponsor: Council President Leventhal and Councilmembers Berliner and Rice

AN ACT to:

(1) allow certain boards, committees, or commissions to advocate at the State and federal levels if the advocacy is approved by the Office of Intergovernmental Relations; and
(2) generally amend County law regarding boards, committees, and commissions.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 2B, Agricultural Land Preservation
Section 2B-2

Chapter 8A, Cable Communications
Section 8A-30

Chapter 10A, Child Care
Section 10A-4

Chapter 18A, Environmental Sustainability
Section 18A-8A

Chapter 19, Erosion, Sediment Control and Stormwater Management
Section 19-49

Chapter 21, Fire and Rescue Services
Section 21-2

Chapter 24, Health and Sanitation
Sections 24-7, 24-8, 24-39, 24-40, 24-44, 24-60, and 24-60A

Chapter 27, Human Rights and Civil Liberties

Sections 27-5, 27-48, 27-52A, 27-61, and 27-63

Chapter 31B, Noise Control
Section 31B-4

Chapter 48, Solid Waste (Trash)
Sections and 48-42

Chapter 49, Streets and Roads
Section 49-80

Boldface	*Heading or defined term.*
Underlining	*Added to existing law by original bill.*
[Single boldface brackets]	*Deleted from existing law by original bill.*
Double underlining	*Added by amendment.*
[[Double boldface brackets]]	*Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.*
* * *	*Existing law unaffected by bill.*

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

Sec. 1. Sections 2B-2, 8A-30, 10A-4, 18A-8A, 19-49, 21-2, 24-27, 24-28, 24-39, 24-40, 24-44, 24-60, 24-6A, 27-5, 27-48, 27-52A, 27-61, 27-63, 31B-4, 48-41, 48-42, and 49-80 are amended as follows:

2B-2. Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board.

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(e) *Advocacy.* The Board must not engage in any advocacy activity at the State or federal levels unless that activity is approved by the Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

8A-30. Cable and Communications Advisory Committee.

(a) *Established.* The Cable and Communications Advisory Committee may provide advice and recommendations to the County Executive, County Council, and the Department of Technology Services on all telecommunications issues, including the administration of this Chapter and any franchise agreement or application. The Committee must not engage in any advocacy activity at the State or federal levels unless that activity is approved by the Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

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10A-4. Commission on Child Care.

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(i) *Advocacy.* The Commission must not engage in any advocacy activity at the State or federal levels unless that activity is approved by the Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

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18A-8A. Advocacy. *[Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee]*

26 The Committee must not engage in any advocacy activity at the State or
27 federal levels unless that activity is approved by the Office of Intergovernmental
28 Relations.

29 **19-49. Administration.**

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31 (b) The County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council, must
32 appoint a Water Quality Advisory Group, composed of up to 3 non-
33 voting representatives of government agencies and 15 voting members.
34 The voting members should consist of up to 3 representatives each of
35 academic and scientific experts, environmental groups, the agricultural
36 community, and the business community, with the rest from the public
37 at large. The Group must recommend to the Executive and the Council
38 by March 1 each year water quality goals, objectives, policies, and
39 programs. Each member must be appointed for a 3-year term unless
40 appointed to fill the balance of an unexpired term. The Group each year
41 must select a chair and any other officer it finds necessary. The Group
42 must not engage in any advocacy activity at the State or federal levels
43 unless that activity is approved by the Office of Intergovernmental
44 Relations.

45 **21-2. Fire and Emergency Services Commission.**

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47 (g) *Advocacy.* The Commission must not engage in any advocacy activity
48 at the State or federal levels unless that activity is approved by the
49 Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

50 **24-27. Advocacy.** *[Commission on Health]*

51 The Commission must not engage in any advocacy activity at the State or
52 federal levels unless that activity is approved by the Office of Intergovernmental
53 Relations.
54 **24-28. Staff support.**
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56 **[24-28] 24-29—24-33. Reserved.**
57 **24-39. Advocacy.** *[Mental Health Advisory Committee]*
58 The Committee must not engage in any advocacy activity at the State or
59 federal levels unless that activity is approved by the Office of Intergovernmental
60 Relations.
61 **24-40. Staff support.**
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63 **[24-40. Reserved.]**
64 **24-44. Advocacy.** *[Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council]*
65 The Council must not engage in any advocacy activity at the State or federal
66 levels unless that activity is approved by the Office of Intergovernmental Relations.
67 **[24-44] 24-45-24-46. Reserved.**
68 **24-60. Advocacy.** *[Victim Services Advisory Board]*
69 The Board must not engage in any advocacy activity at the State or federal
70 levels unless that activity is approved by the Office of Intergovernmental Relations.
71 **24-60A. Staff support.**
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73 **27-5. Duties generally.** *[Commission on Human Rights]*
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75 (c) *Advocacy.* The Commission must not engage in any advocacy activity
76 at the State or federal levels unless that activity is approved by the
77 Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

78 **27-48. Commission on Children and Youth Generally.**

79 (e) *Advocacy.* The Commission must not engage in any advocacy activity
80 at the State or federal levels unless that activity is approved by the
81 Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

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83 **27-52A. Advocacy.** *[Commission on People with Disabilities]*

84 The Commission must not engage in any advocacy activity at the State or
85 federal levels unless that activity is approved by the Office of Intergovernmental
86 Relations.

87 **27-61. [Reserved] Advocacy.** *[Committee for Ethnic Affairs]*

88 The Committee must not engage in any advocacy activity at the State or
89 federal levels unless that activity is approved by the Office of Intergovernmental
90 Relations.

91 **27-63. Committee on Hate/Violence.**

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93 (g) *Advocacy.* The Commission must not engage in any advocacy activity
94 at the State or federal levels unless that activity is approved by the
95 Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

96 **31B-4. Noise control advisory board.**

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98 (f) *Advocacy.* The Commission must not engage in any advocacy activity
99 at the State or federal levels unless that activity is approved by the
100 Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

101 **48-41. Advocacy.** *[Solid Waste Advisory Committee]*

102 The Committee must not engage in any advocacy activity at the State or
103 federal levels unless that activity is approved by the Office of Intergovernmental
104 Relations.

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106 **48-42. Administrative and staff support.**

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108 **[48-42. Reserved.]**

109 **49-80. Rustic Roads Advisory Committee.**

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111 (f) *Advocacy.* The Commission must not engage in any advocacy activity

112 at the State or federal levels unless that activity is approved by the

113 Office of Intergovernmental Relations.

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115 *Approved:*

116 Nancy Floreen May 4, 2016

Nancy Floreen, President, County Council Date

117 *Approved:*

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Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date

119 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date