AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

(1) defer the effective date for requiring that certain residential buildings meet certain ENERGY STAR standards; and

(2) generally amend the law relating to buildings, energy, and environmental policy.

By amending
2008 Laws of Montgomery County
Chapter 7
Sec. 1. Section 5 of Chapter 7 of the 2008 Laws of Montgomery County is amended as follows:

(a) [[(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2),] Section 8-55, as added by Section 4 of this Act, applies to any covered building for which a building permit application is filed on or after January 1, 2010.]

[(2) The Director of the Department of Environmental Protection may suspend the applicability of Section 8-55 until April 1, 2010 if:

(A) the Director certifies by October 1, 2009, that an alternative approach would:

(i) achieve the same energy efficiency goals as Section 8-55; and

(ii) be less costly to builders and buyers of covered buildings; or

(B) the Sustainability Working Group finds that there is an insufficient number of qualified home energy performance raters doing business in the County.]

Sec. 2. Expedited Effective Date. The Council declares that this Act is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on the date on which it becomes law.
Approved:

Nancy Floreen  December 3, 2009
Nancy Floreen, President, County Council

Approved:

Isiah Leggett  Dec 10, 2009
Isiah Leggett, County Executive

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer  Dec 10, 2009
Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council