

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.

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Deleted from existing law by original bill.

Double underlining

Added by amendment.

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Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.

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Existing law unaffected by bill.

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

1 **Sec. 1. Sections 2B-2, 8A-30, 10A-4, 18A-8A, 19-49, 21-2, 24-27, 24-28,**
 2 **24-39, 24-40, 24-44, 24-60, 24-6A, 27-5, 27-48, 27-52A, 27-61, 27-63, 31B-4,**
 3 **48-41, 48-42, and 49-80 are amended as follows:**

4 **2B-2. Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board.**

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

9 **8A-30. Cable and Communications Advisory Committee.**

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

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18 **10A-4. Commission on Child Care.**

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

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25 **18A-8A. Advocacy.** *[Energy and Air Quality Advisory Committee]*

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.

19-49. Administration.

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

21-2. Fire and Emergency Services Commission.

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(g) 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.

24-27. Advocacy. [Commission on Health]

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[24-28] 24-29—24-33. Reserved.

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24-40. Staff support.

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24-44. Advocacy. *[Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council]*

[24-44] 24-45-24-46. Reserved.

24-60A. Staff support.

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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.

48-42. Administrative and staff support.

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[48-42. Reserved.]

49-80. Rustic Roads Advisory Committee.

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(f) 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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Approved:

Nancy Floreen
Nancy Floreen, President, County Council

May 4, 2016
Date

Approved:

Isiah Leggett
Isiah Leggett, County Executive

May 12, 2016
Date

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer
Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

May 12, 2016
Date