

SENATE BILL 713

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By: **Senators Edwards and Serafini**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Legislation Impacting Local Government Land Use**
3 **Decisions – Economic Impact Analyses**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain Executive Branch agencies and the Department of
5 Legislative Services to prepare economic impact analyses for certain bills that impact
6 local government land use decisions; providing for the submission of certain economic
7 impact analyses to the Department, certain committees, and certain individuals
8 within certain time frames; specifying the minimum requirements for an economic
9 impact analysis; requiring an Executive Branch agency or the Department of
10 Legislative Services to consult as appropriate with certain persons on the
11 preparation of an economic impact analysis; requiring a unit of State or local
12 government to provide the Department with assistance or information under certain
13 circumstances; authorizing the Department to include an economic impact analysis
14 of a bill as part of a fiscal note, comment on a certain economic impact analysis, and
15 revise an economic impact analysis under certain circumstances; requiring the
16 Department to maintain a copy of an economic impact analysis on the Web site of
17 the General Assembly; providing that an economic impact analysis of a bill need not
18 be published in the Senate journal or House journal; providing that the validity of
19 the enactment of a bill is not affected by the presence, absence, or content of an
20 economic impact analysis; defining certain terms; and generally relating to economic
21 impact analyses of certain bills impacting local government land use decisions.

22 BY adding to
23 Article – State Government
24 Section 2–1505.3
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2014 Replacement Volume)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – State Government

2 **2-1505.3.**

3 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
4 INDICATED.

5 (2) “DEPARTMENT” MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE
6 SERVICES.

7 (3) “ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS” MEANS AN ESTIMATE OF THE
8 COST OR THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES THAT MAY BE
9 AFFECTED BY A PROPOSED BILL INTRODUCED AT A SESSION OF THE GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY.

11 (B) (1) AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS SHALL BE PREPARED BY THE
12 APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY FOR EACH BILL THAT:

13 (I) IS INTRODUCED AT THE REQUEST OF THE ADMINISTRATION
14 OR A DEPARTMENT, AN AGENCY, OR A COMMISSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF
15 STATE GOVERNMENT; AND

16 (II) IMPACTS LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAND USE DECISIONS.

17 (2) A COPY OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS REQUIRED UNDER
18 THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE:

19 (I) TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME FRAME
20 BEFORE THE HEARING ON THE BILL TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO COMMENT ON
21 THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS; AND

22 (II) TO THE COMMITTEE TO WHICH THE BILL IS REFERRED
23 BEFORE THE HEARING ON THE BILL.

24 (C) (1) AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS SHALL BE PREPARED BY THE
25 DEPARTMENT FOR EACH BILL THAT:

26 (I) IS INTRODUCED BY A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY; AND

28 (II) IMPACTS LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAND USE DECISIONS.

1 **(2) A COPY OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS REQUIRED UNDER**
2 **THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT:**

3 **(I) TO THE PRIMARY SPONSOR OF THE BILL; AND**

4 **(II) TO THE COMMITTEE TO WHICH THE BILL IS REFERRED**
5 **BEFORE THE HEARING ON THE BILL.**

6 **(D) THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION**
7 **SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, THE EFFECT ON PROPERTY VALUES AND TAXATION.**

8 **(E) (1) THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY OR THE DEPARTMENT**
9 **PREPARING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION**
10 **SHALL CONSULT WITH, AS APPROPRIATE:**

11 **(I) OTHER UNITS OF STATE GOVERNMENT;**

12 **(II) UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT; AND**

13 **(III) BUSINESS, TRADE, CONSUMER, LABOR, AND OTHER GROUPS**
14 **IMPACTED BY OR HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE LEGISLATION.**

15 **(2) ON REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE**
16 **DEPARTMENT, A UNIT OF THE STATE OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL PROVIDE**
17 **THE DEPARTMENT WITH ASSISTANCE OR INFORMATION IN THE PREPARATION OF**
18 **AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS.**

19 **(F) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY INCLUDE AN ECONOMIC IMPACT**
20 **ANALYSIS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR BY THE APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE**
21 **BRANCH AGENCY AS PART OF A FISCAL NOTE.**

22 **(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY COMMENT ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACT**
23 **ANALYSIS PREPARED BY THE APPROPRIATE EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCY.**

24 **(G) THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES MAY REVISE THE**
25 **ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS CONSISTENT WITH AN AMENDED VERSION OF A BILL.**

26 **(H) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN A COPY OF EACH ECONOMIC**
27 **IMPACT ANALYSIS ON THE WEB SITE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

28 **(I) AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS NEED NOT BE PUBLISHED IN THE**
29 **SENATE JOURNAL OR HOUSE JOURNAL.**

1 **(J) THE VALIDITY OF AN ENACTMENT OF A BILL IS NOT AFFECTED BY THE**
2 **PRESENCE, ABSENCE, OR CONTENT OF AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2015.