

HOUSE BILL 980

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Public Ethics – Definition of Application**

3 **PG 416–21**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain definition of “application” to exclude participation in
5 adopting and approving a certain amendment to a countywide zoning map in Prince
6 George's County for a certain purpose; and generally relating to public ethics and
7 Prince George's County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – General Provisions
10 Section 5–833(a), (i), (j), and (k)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – General Provisions
15 Section 5–833(d)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – General Provisions**

21 5–833.

22 (a) In this part the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (d) (1) “Application” means:
- 2 [(1)] (I) an application for:
- 3 [(i)] 1. a zoning map amendment;
- 4 [(ii)] 2. a special exception;
- 5 [(iii)] 3. a departure from design standards;
- 6 [(iv)] 4. a revision to a special exception site plan;
- 7 [(v)] 5. an expansion of a legal nonconforming use;
- 8 [(vi)] 6. a revision to a legal nonconforming use site plan; or
- 9 [(vii)] 7. a request for a variance from the zoning ordinance;
- 10 [(2)] (II) an application to approve:
- 11 [(i)] 1. a comprehensive design plan;
- 12 [(ii)] 2. a conceptual site plan; or
- 13 [(iii)] 3. a specific design plan; or
- 14 [(3)] (III) participation in adopting and approving an area master plan or
15 sectional map amendment by appearance at a public hearing, filing a statement in the
16 official record, or other similar communication to a member of the County Council or the
17 Planning Board, where the intent is to intensify the zoning category applicable to the land
18 of the applicant.
- 19 (2) “APPLICATION” DOES NOT INCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN
20 ADOPTING AND APPROVING A COUNTYWIDE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT THAT IS
21 RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND APPROVED BY THE DISTRICT
22 COUNCIL, WHERE THE INTENT IS TO IMPLEMENT AN APPROVED GENERAL PLAN BY
23 REPEALING AND REPLACING ALL ZONING CATEGORIES APPLICABLE TO LAND IN
24 PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.
- 25 (i) “County Council” means the County Council of Prince George’s County.
- 26 (j) “County Executive” means the County Executive of Prince George’s County.

1 (k) “District Council” means the County Council of Prince George’s County sitting
2 as the District Council for the Prince George’s County portion of the Maryland–Washington
3 Regional District.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2021.