

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

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CHAPTER 626

(House Bill 55)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Subsection (a) of Section 1(71) of Chapter 780 of the Laws of Maryland, 1959, (being also Section 59-76, Title "Park and Planning Commission," subtitle "Subdivision Regulations," Code of Public Local Laws, Prince George's County, 1963 Edition, and Section 70-82, Title "Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission," subtitle "Subdivision Regulations," Montgomery County Code, (1965 Edition), to correct an error therein and; to permit the Subdivision Regulations to make provision for the payment of a monetary fee in lieu of dedication of open space in cases where such dedication would be impractical, AND TO SET A LIMIT ON THE MONETARY FEE.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Subsection (a) of Section 1(71) of Chapter 780 of the Laws of Maryland, 1959, as amended, be, and is hereby, repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

71.

(a) Authorized; purposes; restrictions. In exercising the powers granted to it by Section 70 of this Article, the Commission or the governing body of either county may prepare regulations and amendments thereto governing the subdivision of land within the Regional District or the respective portions of the Regional District within Montgomery or Prince George's County. The regulations and amendments shall be adopted by the respective governing bodies of the counties, with such changes as they may deem appropriate, and shall be effective from the date of adoption or from such other date as the governing body may designate, provided that such adoption shall not affect in any manner the administration of the regulations by the commission or its functions under Section 70 hereof. In the event the Commission prepares or has prepared regulations and amendments, which it presents to the governing body of the applicable county for appropriate action, and such body does not approve, modify or reject said regulations and amendments within six (6) months from the date of receipt thereof from the Commission, said regulations and amendments shall be deemed approved and have the force and effect of law. The regulations may provide for (1) the harmonious development of the District; (2) the coordination of roads within the subdivision with other existing, planned or platted roads or with other features of the District or with the Commission's general plan or with any road plan adopted or approved by the Commission as part of the Commission's general plan; (3) adequate open spaces for traffic, recreation, light, and air [;] by dedication or otherwise, and the dedication to public use or