

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

Bill No. 89-72

AN ACT to authorize the County Council of Baltimore County, Maryland to grant a franchise or franchises for the construction and operation of community antenna, cable television and cable communication systems (commonly known as "CATV" systems) and to provide for the regulation and control of such systems within Baltimore County, by adding new Sections 2-15.1 through 2-15.26 to the Baltimore County Code, 1968, title "Administration," Article I. In General.

WHEREAS, Community Antenna Television (CATV) is available in some areas of the State of Maryland for use by the public by means of transmitting audio and visual TV signals and radio signals by cable, and

WHEREAS, the growth and acceptance of cable transmission technology indicates that many public benefits are available for the benefit of the citizens of Baltimore County, and

WHEREAS, prospective franchisees have approached Baltimore County officials for the purpose of applying for the right to operate CATV enterprises along with the right to install such cables in the public streets of Baltimore County, and

WHEREAS, the County Council deems it to be in the best interests and general welfare of the citizens of Baltimore County to provide for the granting of CATV franchises in conformity with Sections 30-6 through 30-9 of the Baltimore County Code, 1968; now therefore

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, pursuant to the authority contained in Section 5(B) of Article 25A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, that new Sections 2-15.1 through 2-15.26 be and they are hereby added to the Baltimore County Code, 1968 Title "Administration," Article I. In General; said new sections to read as follows:

SECTION 2-15.1 AUTHORITY OF COUNTY COUNCIL

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY IS HEREBY