

## Chapter 28

AN ACT to amend Chapter 11, title "Consumer Protection," of the Montgomery County Code 1972, as amended, by adding a new Section 11-7A, title "Enforcement of Summonses and Subpoenas," to follow immediately after Section 7 thereof, to provide for the enforcement of summonses and subpoenas issued by the Montgomery County Office of Consumer Affairs to compel the attendance of witnesses or the production of documents, papers, books, records or other evidence in any matter over which the consumer protection law provides; to authorize the County to institute litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce such subpoenas or summonses; to provide that a court of competent jurisdiction may require the compliance with summonses or subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses or the production of documents; to provide that a court may require the transfer of documents to the Court; to provide that a court may prohibit the destruction of documents pending conclusion of a lawful investigation by the Montgomery County Office of Consumer Affairs; to provide that disobedience of a final court order shall be punishable as a contempt of court and to declare that an emergency exists and that this Act shall take effect on the date it becomes law.

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## Chapter 29

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Article VI, title "Rent Controls," of Chapter 29, title "Landlord-Tenant Relations", of the Montgomery County Code 1972, as amended; to update the legislative findings and to state new legislative intent with respect to the rent control provisions of Montgomery County; to provide that this Act shall be applied prospectively; to provide a system of vacancy decontrol for rental units affected by the rent control law in Montgomery County under specified circumstances; to require monthly reports of rents on decontrolled units; to exempt from the provisions of the rent control law certain new units and rehabilitated dwelling units coming onto the rental market; to provide a termination date for the rent control of certain one-family dwellings, detached dwellings, and townhouses; to exempt from the system of rent control dwelling units which are part of multi-family housing projects owned and operated by the Montgomery County Housing Opportunities Commission; to amend the definition provisions in Article VI, Chapter 29, by modifying the definition of "holdover tenant" and certain other existing definitions and by adding certain new