FOR the purpose of clarifying the language pertaining to the public notice and public hearing requirements of certain administrative procedures; altering certain public notice and public hearing requirements concerning administrative rule making procedures; making certain alterations concerning the contents of the Maryland Register; and generally relating to administrative rule making procedures and the Maryland Register.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
Section 245(c) and 247
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
Section 256F(i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

245.

In addition to other rule-making requirements imposed by law:

(c) [Except for emergency regulations adopted pursuant to Article 40, § 40A, prior to the adoption of any rule authorized by law, or its amendment or repeal, the adopting agency shall publish notice of its intended action in the Maryland Register, and afford interested persons opportunity to submit data or views orally or in writing.] An agency may not adopt or amend any rule or administrative act which increases the agency's expenditures beyond budgetary limitations without the express approval of the General Assembly; or if the General Assembly is not then in session, without the express approval in writing of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, acting jointly and after consulting with and receiving the advice in writing of the joint budget and audit committee. Approval by the General Assembly or its presiding officers, as provided in this section, is not required if the Governor by proclamation declares that the rule or administrative act