

allowance for certain tenants, to permit the County Executive to waive certain technical requirements of law to conform with state or federal regulations, to eliminate an applicant notification requirement, to provide the housing opportunities commission with certain prerogatives regarding selection of units to purchase or lease, to subject rental units to the subsequent sale price requirements and to authorize Executive Regulations to deal with foreclosure, and to make certain technical clarifications.

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Bill No. 20-77

Chapter 32

AN ACT to amend Chapter 11B, title "Contracts, Purchases and Disposition" of the Montgomery County Code 1972, as amended, by redesignating the Chapter title "Contracts, Procurement Matters, and Public Ethics"; by repealing in its entirety Section 11B-44 thereof, title "interest in Contracts or purchases, generally; penalty" and by adding in lieu thereof a new Article VIII, title "Ethics in Public Service and Contracting" to follow immediately after Section 11B-43 and to provide for a statement of public policy relating to public employees and contractors and to prescribe general standards of conduct; to establish standards of conduct including conflicts of interest; to require reports of public employees for certain benefits; to require public contractor's covenant against contingent fees; to require disclosure, disqualification, prohibition of ex parte communications and adjustment to certain quorums; to prohibit gifts and kickbacks; to impose certain restrictions on employment; to restrict the use of confidential information; to provide for administrative provisions including the establishment of an ethics commission and to provide for its responsibilities and functions; to require public access to information and records; to establish a public employee waiver procedure, to provide civil remedies against those who violate ethical standards; to provide criminal penalties for violations of the Article; to repeal Section 2-129, title "Applicability of Article"; Sections 2-130, title "Conduct prohibited", Section 2-131, title "Disclosure and nonparticipation required; ex parte communications"; Section 2-132, title "Effect of disqualifications in quorum" and Section 2-133, title "Ethics Commission" all of Article VIII, title "Code of Ethics" of Chapter 2, title "Administration" of the Montgomery County Code 1972, as amended; to redesignate the aforesaid Article VIII "Code of Ethics" as "Fair Campaign Practices"; and to recodify Chapter 20A, title "Financial Disclosure" of the Montgomery County Code, 1972, as amended, as Subtitle IV hereof, title "Financial Disclosure" and renumber its component sections and adjust its text to conform with the numbering sequence of Chapter 11B.