

BY adding to

Article 23A - Corporations - Municipal  
Section 2(34)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 25A - Chartered Counties of Maryland  
Section 5(X)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 66B - Zoning and Planning  
Section 2.01  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 66B - Zoning and Planning  
Section 4.01(d)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 66D - Maryland-National Capital Park and  
Planning Commission  
Section 7-108.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

#### Preamble

WHEREAS, Decisions of the Supreme Court in Community Communications, Inc., vs. the City of Boulder and in City of Lafayette vs. Louisiana Power and Light Company have subjected municipal governments to new unanticipated and, in some respects, unclear liabilities under the federal antitrust laws; and

WHEREAS, Many local governments are potentially liable to suits under the federal antitrust laws in areas that involve valid public policies designed to protect public health and safety, the natural environment, the public fiscal situation, and other valid public areas not always consistent with free competition; and