

CHAPTER 414

(House Bill 1655)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County Health Officer – Civil Citations

FOR the purpose of authorizing a health officer in Washington County to issue certain citations for certain violations of law or regulation; providing for the contents of certain citations issued for certain violations of law or regulation; providing for the legal rights of certain individuals who receive certain citations for certain violations of law or regulation; providing for certain penalties if certain fines are not paid by a certain date; providing for the manner under which certain hearings are conducted; providing that the Washington County Board of County Commissioners may authorize certain individuals to prosecute certain violations of law or regulation; providing that if the District Court of Maryland for Washington County makes certain findings, certain individuals are liable for certain damages; and generally relating to issuing citations for certain violations of law or regulation.

BY adding to

Article 25 – County Commissioners

Section 236F

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 25 – County Commissioners

236F.

(A) (1) THE HEALTH OFFICER FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY OR THE HEALTH OFFICER'S DESIGNEE MAY DELIVER A CITATION TO A PERSON BELIEVED TO BE COMMITTING A VIOLATION OF LAW UNDER TITLE 20, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE OR A VIOLATION OF A PROVISION OF THE CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATIONS.

(2) (I) THE HEALTH OFFICER SHALL KEEP A COPY OF THE CITATION.

(II) THE CITATION SHALL BEAR A CERTIFICATION ATTESTING TO THE TRUTH OF THE MATTERS SET FORTH IN THE CITATION.

(B) THE CITATION SHALL CONTAIN:

(1) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON CHARGED;

(2) THE NATURE OF THE VIOLATION;

(3) THE LOCATION AND TIME OF THE VIOLATION;