

accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1725.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 1725

AN ACT concerning

Howard County - ~~New Town Zoning District~~ Consolidation Annexation of Land in Columbia

FOR the purpose of authorizing, under certain circumstances, a certain parcel of land subject to a certain deed, agreement, and declaration, and located in a certain ~~new town zoning district~~ area of Howard County that is not part of a village or town center, to be ~~consolidated~~ annexed into the village or town center in which the parcel of land is located; ~~requiring a certain owner or developer to apply to a certain village or town center community association for consolidation;~~ requiring certain entities to approve the consolidation; requiring the instrument ~~consolidating~~ annexing a parcel of land into a village or town center to be recorded in the county land records; subjecting the parcel of land to certain recorded covenants and restrictions of the village or town center; providing that an annexation completed in accordance with this Act may not abrogate or in any other way affect any approvals granted or conditions imposed under certain covenants or contracts; ~~providing for the application of this Act;~~ making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the ~~consolidation~~ annexation of land in the ~~new town zoning district~~ of Columbia in Howard County.

BY adding to

Article - Real Property

Section 11B-113.5

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

Article - Real Property

11B-113.5.

(A) ~~THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES TO A DEVELOPMENT THAT CONTAINS AT LEAST 12,000 ACRES OF LAND AND HAS A POPULATION OF AT LEAST 80,000~~ ESTABLISHES THE PROCESS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PARCELS OF LAND THAT ARE SUBJECT TO THE DEED, AGREEMENT, AND DECLARATION ESTABLISHING ANY OF THE VILLAGES OR TOWN CENTER IN COLUMBIA IN HOWARD COUNTY.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW OR CONTRACT, A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN ~~THE NEW TOWN ZONING DISTRICT AND RECORDED IN THE LAND~~