

CHAPTER 127

(Senate Bill 7)

AN ACT concerning

State Regulations - Opportunity for Public
Comment on Proposed Regulations

FOR the purpose of requiring that a unit of State government provide a public comment period of a certain duration before that unit may adopt a proposed regulation, ~~altering the period which a promulgating unit must delay in adopting a regulation when the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review requests a period of further review, to reflect the required period for public comment, and making certain stylistic changes.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government
Section 10-111(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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

Article - State Government

10-111.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a unit may not adopt a proposed regulation until:

(i) after submission of the proposed regulation to the Committee for preliminary review under § 10-110 of this subtitle; and

(ii) ~~AFTER THE UNIT HAS PROVIDED A PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OF~~ at least 45 days after ~~its~~ THE first publication ~~OF THE REGULATION~~ in the Register.

(2) (i) If the Committee determines that an appropriate review cannot reasonably be conducted within 45 days and that an additional period of review is required, it may delay the adoption of the regulation by so notifying the promulgating unit and the Division of State Documents, in writing, prior to the expiration of the 45-day ~~PUBLIC COMMENT~~ period.

(ii) If notice is provided to the promulgating unit pursuant to subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the