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**CHAPTER 473**

**(House Bill 692)**

AN ACT concerning

**Washington County – Regulation of Noise**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Washington County, by ordinance, to adopt certain environmental noise standards, sound level limits, and noise controls, subject to certain limitations.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Washington County

Section 1-901 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 9. Regulation of Noise"

Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1991 Edition and August 1994 Supplement, as amended)

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

**Article 22 – Washington County**

**SUBTITLE 9. REGULATION OF NOISE**

1-901.

(A) SUBJECT TO § 3-105 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, BY ORDINANCE, MAY ADOPT ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE STANDARDS, SOUND LEVEL LIMITS, AND NOISE CONTROLS AS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, THE GENERAL WELFARE, AND PROPERTY.

(B) ANY ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO POLICE OR FIRE AND RESCUE VEHICLES OR WATERCRAFT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

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