

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any decision of a circuit court before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 27, 1999.

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**CHAPTER 652**

**(House Bill 661)**

AN ACT concerning

**Washington County - Land Use - Administrative Adjustments**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the local legislative body of Washington County to designate the county planning director or another designee to grant administrative adjustments to certain land use restrictions in accordance with certain standards and criteria; requiring the local legislative body to consult with certain entities in considering certain standards and criteria; authorizing the enabling of a certain appeal on administrative adjustments; and generally relating to administrative adjustments and land use in Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 66B - Zoning and Planning

Section 4.05(d)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article 66B - Zoning and Planning**

4.05.

(d) (1) This subsection applies to Charles County AND WASHINGTON COUNTY.

(2) The local legislative body may authorize the planning director or other designee to grant administrative adjustments from height, setback, bulk, parking, loading, dimensional, area, or similar requirements of the zoning ordinance; and

(3) The local legislative body shall consult with the planning commission and the board of appeals in developing criteria and procedures for administrative adjustments under this subsection.