

Approved May 14, 1991.

CHAPTER 350

(House Bill 150)

AN ACT concerning

Zoning – Variance

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of the term “variance” in the zoning laws applicable to certain jurisdictions in the State; making the provisions of this Act retroactive to clarify the validity of certain actions taken by counties and municipal corporations; and making certain stylistic and technical changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 66B – Zoning and Planning

Section 1.00

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1988 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

Article 66B – Zoning and Planning

1.00.

(A) [As used in this article,] **IN THIS ARTICLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED**, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise[:].

(B) “Development” means any activity, other than normal agricultural activity, which materially affects the existing condition or use of any land or structure.

(C) “Jurisdiction” means the territory of a county or municipal corporation within which its powers may be exercised.

(D) “Local executive” means the chief executive of the political subdivision whether the official designation of his office be elected county executive or executive head, mayor, or similar term.

(E) “Local legislative body” means the elected body of a political subdivision whether known as county commissioner, or county council, city, town, or village council, or similar terms.

(F) (1) “Plan” means the policies, statements, goals, and interrelated plans for private and public land use, transportation, and community facilities documented in texts and maps which constitute the guide for the area’s future development.