# **Prince George's County Council Agenda Item Summary**

**Meeting Date:** 10/15/2013 CB-091-2013 Reference No.:

**Draft No.:** 2

**Proposer(s):** Turner, Patterson

**Sponsor(s):** Turner, Patterson, Franklin, Lehman, Davis

**Item Title:** An Act restricting smoking of electronic cigarettes inside of public

housing, senior citizen housing, and eating and drinking

**Effective Date:** 

establishments.

**Drafter:** Leroy D. Maddox, Legislative Officer

Resource **Personnel:** 

Tomeka C. Bumbry, Chief of Staff District 4

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** 

**Date Presented:** 9/24/2013 Executive Action:

Committee 9/24/2013 - HEHS

Referral:

Committee 10/10/2013 - FAV(A)

Action:

Date

10/15/2013 **Introduced:** 

**Public Hearing:** 11/5/2013 - 10:00 AM

**Council Action: Council Votes:** Pass/Fail: Remarks:

### **AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:**

19-130, 19-135

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

## HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES **COMMITTEE**

Date 10/10/2013

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Patterson,

Davis, Campos, Lehman and Turner)

CB-91-2013 defines electronic cigarette, and restricts the smoking, carrying or lighting of an electronic cigarette within a public housing, and/or senior citizen housing and eating and drinking establishments as defined in the Code.

The Health Department supports the intent of the legislation and offered the suggested language on page two (2) line six (6) after the word "nicotine," add "or other chemical substances." The same language should be added on page two (2) line 25, after the word "nicotine." The proposed language was suggested since there are other known toxic effects in the electronic cigarette.

The Parks and Recreation representative expressed their support; indicating that their Rules and Regulations pertaining to prohibition of smoking in Parks and Recreation facilities will be updated to include language pertaining to electronic cigarettes.

The Office of Law determines that CB-91-2013 is in proper legislative form and the Office of Audits and Investigations determines that there should not be an adverse fiscal impact on the County.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:**

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

To address smoking restrictions in terms of new technology encompassing electronic cigarettes.

11/5/2013: Public hearing held; item was deferred.

THIS BILL WAS NOT ENACTED

INCLUSION FILES:			