

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2017 Legislative Session

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Committee: TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Date: October 10, 2017

Action: FAV

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Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Turner, Franklin, Patterson and Taveras)

CB-63-2017 empowers the Nuisance Abatement Board to hear appeals from the decisions of hearing officers. Two pieces of legislation, CB-63-2017 and CB-64-2017, create a process for administrative hearings in the County. The creation of an administrative hearing board for specific housing code issues will lead to increased compliance with violations of the County's housing code. The two bills, taken in their entirety, would create a process for administration of citations, the process by which a hearing officer hears appeals of the citations, and empower the Nuisance Abatement Board to hear appeals from the decisions of the hearing officers. This bill expands the authority of the current Nuisance Abatement Board to play a role as an appellate body in the adjudication of these issues.

The Office of Law indicated that the legislation is in proper legislative form and that there are no legal impediments to its enactment.