

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORT

2017 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-120-2017

Draft No.: 2

Committee: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Date: 9/26/2017

Action: FAV(A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments 8-0. (In favor: Council Members Davis Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Lehman, Patterson, Taveras, Toles and Turner.) (Absent: Council Member Toles)

The Committee of the Whole convened on September 26, 2017, to consider CB-120-2017. The Council's Zoning and Legislative Counsel provided a staff overview, explaining that the bill is companion legislation to CB-060-2017, which is slated for introduction at the Council's September 26, 2017, legislative session day. The bill was prepared as a result of robust discussion on CB-60-2017 in the Planning Zoning and Economic Development Committee work session held on September 13, 2017. Council Member Franklin, the bill's sponsor, explained that staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission suggested this amendment to Subtitle 4 of the County Code because the applicable structures constructed prior to November 29, 1949, often cannot meet the current building code requirements and, as a result, staff would have no criteria by which to review the permit application, and the bill is intended to facilitate certain businesses' compliance with license requirements in State law. Council Member Franklin offered an amendment to the bill to add a January 1, 2019, sunset provision to CB-120-2017, which is consistent with the January 1, 2019, sunset provision set forth in its companion bill, CB-60-2017. After further discussion and questions on the bill, including the desire for the County to take a comprehensive survey of how many aged structures exist in the County, the Committee of the Whole voted 8-0 (Council Member Toles was absent from vote) for a favorable with amendments report and recommendation as to CB-120-2017.