

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** 10/28/97

**Reference No.:** CB-85-1997

**Proposer:** County Executive

**Draft No.:** 3

**Sponsors:** Bailey and Del Giudice

**Item Title:** An Act to establish the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County, to provide for its membership, exercise of powers, budget and financial procedures, and ethical matters, to provide for the relationship of the Authority with the M-NCPPC, and generally relating to the Redevelopment Authority

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** 7/22/97

**Executive Action:** 12/17/97 S

**Committee Referral:** 7/22/97 PSFM

**Effective Date:** 2/2/98

**Committee Action:** 9/4/97 HELD

**Committee Action:** 10/16/97 FAV(A)

**Date Introduced:** 10/28/97

**Pub. Hearing Date:** 11/25/97 10:45 AM

**Council Action:** (1) 11/25/97 ENACTED

**Council Votes:** DB:A, SD:A, JE:A, IG:N, TH:A, WM:N, RVR:-, AS:A, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

11/25/97 - Amended on the floor.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** Date: 10/16/97

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 3-2, (In favor: Council Members Wilson, Estepp and Scott. Opposed: Gourdine and Maloney).

This bill will establish the Redevelopment Authority for Prince George's County, provide for seven

members of the Redevelopment Authority, (five from the public and two ex-officio) and subjecting them to County ethics and financial disclosure laws. The County Executive will designate a chairman and vice chairman, who are eligible to serve until a successor is appointed, even if their tenure extends beyond the four-year term.

The bill also provides for the appointment of an executive director, secretary-treasurer and general counsel as well as other employees as necessary. The budgetary procedures are the same as the Council established for the Industrial Development Authority, including the requirement for a balanced budget. The Council must approve the Redevelopment Authority's charter, as well as the exercise of the power of eminent domain as to any parcel or property.

The Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs stated that this bill is a major initiative of the County Executive to revitalize the County's older communities. It is authorized by State legislation previously supported by the County Council and is modeled after other authorities created by the Council.

The Director of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) strongly supports the creation of a Redevelopment Authority. It will provide a mechanism to assemble properties on behalf of the County which, in many revitalization efforts, was incomplete in many areas. The EDC looks forward to providing important private sector input into this Authority and will work closely to market Prince George's County to new and expanding businesses.

The Director of the Office of Management and Budget stated that this legislation will have no significant impact on the County's budget in the short term. Over the next several years there may be development projects which will increase revenues but it is impossible to determine the amount at the present time.

Council Member Maloney stated his opposition to this legislation since the County Charter would not apply to the Redevelopment Authority.

During the worksession on 10/16/97, the bill was amended to include the following:

1. Capital Budget Review - Provides the Council with the ability to review and approve the Authority's Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program. This includes the ability to amend or delete individual projects. (pp 5, line 23 - pp 7, line 19).

2. Report - By January 15, 1999, the County Executive is requested to report to the Council regarding the activities and progress of the Authority. (pp 8, lines 25-27).

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

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

This legislation will establish the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County, providing for its membership, exercise of powers, budget and financial procedures, and ethical matters, providing for the relationship of the Authority with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and generally relating to the Redevelopment Authority.

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