

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

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**Meeting Date:** 6/20/2000**Reference No.:** CB-41-2000**Proposer:** County Executive**Draft No.:** 1**Sponsors:** Shapiro, Estep**Item Title:** An Act amending the Electrical Code and adopting the  
1999 National Electrical Code

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**Drafter:** Karen Anderson  
Office of Law**Resource** Wayne Robinson  
**Personnel:** DER

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:****Date Presented:** 5/2/2000**Executive Action:** 7/12/2000 S**Committee Referral:** 5/2/2000 THE**Effective Date:** 8/28/2000**Committee Action:** 5/11/2000 FAV**Date Introduced:** 5/23/2000**Public Hearing:** 6/20/2000 1:30 P.M.**Council Action:** 6/20/2000 ENACTED**Council Votes:** DB:A, JE:A, IG:A, TH:-, WM:A, RVR:-, AS:A, PS:A, MW:A**Pass/Fail:** P**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** DATE: 5/11/00

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Shapiro, Hendershot, Maloney and Wilson).

Staff gave an overview of CB-41-2000 and informed the Committee of referral comments which were received. The Department of Environmental Resources staff indicates that CB-41-2000 would update the County's Electrical Code to the 1999 Edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC). These changes are needed to bring the Code into compliance with the Maryland Uniform Electrical Licensing Examination Committee. The changes to Subtitle 9 will provide additional safety measures for the Electrical Industry, homeowners and commercial properties throughout the County.

It was noted that an important aspect of this bill is that the Chief Electrical Inspector is given the ability to grant expedited administrative relief to permit applicants in the form of variances

and/or waivers to the NEC. The variances and/or waivers are granted as long as the public safety is assured, and the applicant demonstrates substantial practical difficulties and/or circumstances of undue hardship involved in the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of the NEC, or Subtitle 9, Prince George's County Code.

The Executive Branch supports CB-41-2000. The Office of Law and the Legislative Officer find CB-41-2000 to be in proper legislative form. The Office of Audits and Investigations determined there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-41-2000.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

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

This legislation will amend the Electrical Code and adopt the 1999 National Electrical Code.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**