

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

**Meeting Date:** 10/24/95

**Reference No.:** CB-75-1995

**Proposer:** MacKinnon

**Draft No.:** 1

**Sponsors:** MacKinnon

**Item Title:** A bill to repeal certain provisions of the County Code pertaining to pollution and environmental regulations

**Drafter:** Ralph E. Grutzmacher  
Legislative Officer

**Resource Personnel:** Ralph E. Grutzmacher  
Legislative Officer

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** 9/19/95

**Executive Action:** 12/6/95 S

**Committee Referral:**(1) 9/19/95 THE

**Effective Date:** 1/22/96

**Committee Action:**(1) 10/12/95 FAV

**Date Introduced:** 10/24/95

**Pub. Hearing Date:** (1) 11/21/95 10:30 AM

**Council Action:** (1) 11/21/95 ENACTED

**Council Votes:** Amc:A, DB:A, SD:A, JE:A, IG:A, WM:A, RVR:A, AS:A, MW:A

**Pass/Fail:** P

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

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 10/12/95

Committee Vote: Favorable, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Gourdine, Estep, Scott and Wilson)

This legislation repeals sections of the County Code which have been superseded by the State and/or Federal law and is part of an on-going code maintenance effort being performed by the Legislative Officer. This effort is necessary due to periodic reprints of the entire code. The repealing of these sections of Subtitle 19 will not have any effect on existing environmental and health standards. The Maryland Department of the Environment and the Prince George's County Health Department indicated support of the legislation.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**  
**(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)**

The proposed legislation repeals certain provisions of the County Code pertaining to pollution and environmental regulations.

Sections 19-142 through 19-147 represent pioneering legislation enacted in 1971 to regulate phosphorus detergents. Sections 19-148 through 19-150 pertaining to soil conservation were enacted as enabling authority in 1967 by the General Assembly. Sections 19-150.01 through 19-150.08 pertaining to pollution from boats at marinas were enacted in 1974. Since the enactment of these provisions, the State enacted a comprehensive series of laws collected in the Environment and Natural Resources Articles of the Annotated Code of Maryland that render the County Code provisions redundant.

Sections 19-151 through 19-159 pertaining to smoking in public places were enacted in 1978. The State has recently enacted more stringent provisions which treat smoking in public as a workplace environmental health issue.

**CODE INDEX TOPICS:**