

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

**Meeting Date:** 7/29/97

**Reference No.:** CB-63-1997

**Proposer:** County Executive

**Draft No.:** 2

**Sponsors:** Bailey, Del Giudice

**Item Title:** An Act concerning Grading and Soil Erosion to remove obsolete terms; add & clarify definitions; reduce processing time for grading permits; require certain Chesapeake Bay Critical Area reviews; and make other amendments and modifications concerning grading permits

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**Date Presented:** 5/13/97

**Executive Action:** 8/13/97 S

**Committee Referral:**(1) 5/13/97 THE

**Effective Date:** 9/29/97

**Committee Action:**(1) 6/19/97 NR

**Date Introduced:** 7/8/97

**Pub. Hearing Date:** (1) 7/29/97 10:45 P.M.

**Council Action:** (1) 7/29/97 ENACTED

**Council Votes:** 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: 6/19/97

Committee Vote: No Recommendation, 4-0 (In favor: Council Members Russell, Scott, Del Giudice and Esteppe).

Council Bill 63-1997 amends certain sections of the County Code relating to grading permits, development bonds, time limits for permits, fees and review procedures for Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas. The bill also seeks to provide a less restrictive policy for requiring bonds to cover afforestation and reforestation work required by approved Tree Conservation Plans.

The Office of Law reviewed CB-63-1997 and find that several changes should be made such that the bill will be in proper legislative form.

The Department of Environmental Resources indicates that the bill is intended to remove obsolete terms and redundant provisions that are found in other sections of the Code.

The Planning Board supports an amended version that raises the minimum requirement for bonds for disturbed areas from 15,000 square feet to one acre and further recommends that the Planning Board along with DER work to achieve a more efficient review process for grading, erosion control and Chesapeake Bay Critical Area development.

The Acting County Auditor indicates that there should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County.

The Committee voted CB-63-1997 out without recommendation, directing appropriate staff to incorporate comments and amendments from the Office of Law, Department of Environmental Resources, Planning Board and Soil Conservation to create CB-63-1997(DR-2).

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT**

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

This legislation will modify certain sections of the Code relating to grading development bonds and time limit for permits, and extension fees.

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