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COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session _____ 1990

Bill No. _____ CB-93-1990

Chapter No. _____ 71

Proposed and Presented by _____ Chairman (By Request -
_____ County Executive)

Introduced by _____ Council Members Bell, Casula, Wineland,
_____ MacKinnon and Pemberton

Co-Sponsors _____ Council Members Mills and Castaldi

Date of Introduction _____ October 16, 1990

BILL

AN ACT concerning

Emergency Legislation

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the enactment of certain laws by emergency bill; requiring that any advertisement or publication of emergency legislation shall include the claimed emergency as set forth in the bill; and requiring public announcement of the claimed emergency prior to final action on an emergency bill.

BY adding:

SUBTITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Section 1-112.1,

The Prince George's County Code

(1987 Edition, 1989 Supplement.)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince

George's County, Maryland, that Section 1-112.1 be and the same is hereby added to the Prince George's County Code to read as follows:

SUBTITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Sec. 1-112.1. Emergency Bills - Restrictions, Publication and Enactment.

(a) No law shall be enacted by the Council by emergency bill which creates or abolishes any office; changes the composition, term or duty of any officer; grants any franchise or special privilege; creates any vested right or interest; or creates or expands any capital project or increases the funding thereof (except where the increase in funding is required solely to meet cost escalation and does not effect the scope of the project as originally budgeted).

(b) Every emergency bill shall describe in clear and specific terms the emergency affecting the public health, safety or welfare that necessitates the consideration of the proposed legislation as an emergency bill and the reason for the purported emergency.

(c) In any advertisement or publication of an emergency bill required by Section 317 of the Charter and Section 3, Article XI-A of the Constitution of Maryland, the Clerk of the Council shall include the claimed emergency as set forth in the bill.

(d) Prior to final action on an emergency bill by the Council, the Chairman shall read the bill by short title and shall read the claimed emergency as contained in the bill.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 13th day of November, 1990.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Jo Ann T. Bell
Chairman

ATTEST:

Jean M. Schmuhl, CMC
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: November 28, 1990

BY: _____
Parris N. Glendening
County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.