

# PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL

## COMMITTEE REPORT

2017 Legislative Session

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**Reference No.:** CB-028-2017  
**Draft No.:** 2  
**Committee:** PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
**Date:** 3/29/2017  
**Action:** FAV (A)

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Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Harrison, Franklin, and Toles)

Staff provided an overview of the legislation. Council Member Toles, the bill's sponsor, commented that the provisions of CB-28-2017 are intended to mitigate the challenges of developing land in proximity to certain public utility uses and maintaining the public safety, health, and welfare of the citizens and residents of the County.

The Zoning and Legislative Counsel informed the Committee of amendments requested by the bill sponsor and contained in a Proposed Draft-2 (DR-2) as follows: page 2, in subsection (C) after "Hotel or Motel use on property located within 1,000 feet of", strike "an existing power distribution plant or substation" and insert "land used for installation and operation of high-voltage equipment at substations uses that were existing on a certain date for purposes of electrical generation, transmission, and distribution in connection with providing public utility service in the County by a regulated public utility" in lieu thereof.

Rana Hightower, Planning Department staff, informed the Committee that the Planning Board had not had an opportunity to review and comment on the legislation. Ms. Hightower provided comments from staff concerning limiting the provisions of the bill for hotel or motel uses to commercial zones. The Chief Zoning Hearing Examiner also commented on the bill's limited applicability to certain zones.

The Committee voted favorable on Proposed DR-2 with the amendments described by the Zoning and Legislative Counsel.