

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

Meeting Date: 11/19/2001

Reference No.: CB-69-2001

Proposer: County Executive

Draft No.: 2

Sponsors: Bailey, Wilson

Item Title: An Act amending the language in Subtitle 6 used to describe the office, personnel and activities of the agency known as the Office of Civil Defense and/or the Office of Emergency Preparedness, to be consistent with language used in State law and generally relating to emergency management

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Personnel: Emergency Management

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: 9/25/2001

Executive Action: 12/12/2001 S

Committee Referral: 9/25/2001 PSFM

Effective Date: 1/28/2002

Committee Action: 10/18/2001 FAV(A)

Date Introduced: 10/23/2001

Public Hearing: 11/19/2001 10:15 A.M.

Council Action: 11/19/2001 ENACTED

Council Votes: DB:A, JE:A, IG:A, TH:A, RVR:A, AS:A, PS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

PUBLIC SAFETY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT Date: 10/18/01

Committee Vote: Favorable as amended, 3-0, (In favor: Councilmembers Bailey, Scott, and Maloney).

This bill will amend the language of Subtitle 6 of the County Code and Article 16A of the Maryland Annotated Code so that all references to the personnel, activities and the powers of the Office of Civil Defense and/or the Office of Emergency Preparedness will be changed to the "Office of Emergency Management."

This legislation will rectify the discrepancies between the State law and the County Code. The terms

"Civil", "Civil Defense", and "Civil Defense Plan" will be deleted from the County Code and replaced with "Emergency", "Emergency Management" and "Emergency Operations Plan" respectively. These changes will ensure that the County's Office of Emergency Management complies with all applicable State laws.

DR-2 incorporates additional amendments that were identified by the Director of Emergency Management, the Office of Law and the Legislative Officer to more accurately reflect changes in the State law and changes required by the adoption of the County Charter.

There should not be any negative fiscal impact on the County as a result of enacting CB-69-2001.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

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

This bill will amend the language of Subtitle 6 such that all references to the personnel, activities and powers of the Office of Civil Defense and/or the Office of Emergency Preparedness will be changed to the "Office of Emergency Management" in accordance with Article 16A of the Maryland Annotated Code. This bill also clarifies the procedures for the leadership, regulation, and monitoring of the Office of Emergency Management.

The Office of Law recommends that the following Editor's Note reflecting the change in language as it relates to this Subtitle be inserted following Section 6-101:

From this point forward all references to Civil Defense shall be changed to Emergency Management. All references to the Civil Defense Organization shall be changed to the Emergency Management Organization. All references to the Office of Civil Defense shall be changed to the Office of Emergency Management. All references to the Civil Defense Council shall be changed to Emergency Management Council. The Director of Civil Defense shall be changed to the Director of the Office of Emergency Management. Civil defense volunteers shall be known as Emergency management volunteers. The Civil Defense Plan shall be known as the Emergency Operations Plan.

CODE INDEX TOPICS: