

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND  
Legislative Session 2017, Legislative Day No. 14

Bill No. 57-17

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Councilmembers Kach, Quirk, Bevins & Marks

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By the County Council, September 5, 2017

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A BILL  
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Comprehensive Zoning – Lobbying Registration

FOR the purpose of requiring certain lobbying registration information related to the comprehensive zoning map process to be posted on-line; and generally relating to lobbying registration.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments

Section 7-1-502(b)  
Article 7 – Public Ethics and Open Government  
Title 1 – Public Ethics  
Baltimore County Code 2015

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.  
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

1           SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE  
2 COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County read as follows:

3 §7-1-502. Lobbying Registration – In General.

4 (b) Exemption for rezoning process.

5       (1) A person who engages in lobbying, including making public appearances, for the  
6 purpose of influencing the comprehensive rezoning process is not required to file a  
7 lobbying registration provided the person:

8           (i) Does not expend money on a public official for meals, beverages, special  
9 events, or gifts; and

10          (ii) Registers with the secretary to the County Council not later than 5 days after  
11 the last lobbying activity.

12 (2) The registration filed with the secretary to the County Council shall:

13       (i) Include the following information:

14           1. The person's full and legal name and address and the full and legal name  
15 and address of any person on whose behalf the person is acting; and

16           2. The property involved and the map issue number if available;

17       (ii) Be made a permanent part of the County Council record; and

18       (iii) Be [available for public inspection.] POSTED ON THE COUNCIL  
19 WEBSITE.

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1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act, having been passed  
2 by the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council, shall take effect on October  
3 16, 2017.