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By: **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Prince George's County Council Alterations to Budgets – Prohibition on Specific Allocations

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FOR the purpose of altering a prohibition on the Prince George's County Council allocating any part of the Commission's budgets; authorizing Prince George's County Council to allocate part of the Commission's budgets that are allocable solely to a single county to certain nonprofit organizations; and generally relating to approval of the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission budgets.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 18–102, 18–104, 18–105, and 18–106(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2026 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Land Use
Section 18–106(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Volume and 2026 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Land Use

18–102.

The Commission shall prepare annual capital and operating budgets for each fiscal year beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30 of the subsequent year.

18–104.

The Commission shall submit the proposed budgets on or before January 15 of each year to the county executives of Montgomery County and Prince George's County.

18–105.

(a) In Montgomery County, the County Executive shall submit the proposed budgets to the County Council, together with the County Executive's recommendations, on or before March 1 of each year.

(b) In Prince George's County, the County Executive shall submit the proposed budgets to the County Council, together with the County Executive's recommendations, on or before April 1 of each year.

18–106.

(b) On or before June 1 of each year, each county council shall, by resolution:

(1) approve the portion of the budgets allocable to that county, with any alterations made under subsection (c) of this section; and

(2) subject to the requirements and limitations of Subtitles 3 and 4 of this title and Title 21 of this article, impose taxes in the amounts the county council determines to be necessary to finance the portion of the budgets allocable to that county.

(c) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, each county council may add to, delete from, increase, or decrease any part of the budgets allocable solely to that county.

(2) (i) This paragraph applies only in Prince George's County.

(ii) In Prince George's County, the county council may not allocate any part of the budgets allocable solely to the county to:

[1. the county council; or

2. unless approved on or before June 1 in accordance with subsection (b) of this section:

A. the Prince George's County government, including a governmental unit of the county; or

B. any third–party business entity or individual.**]**

1. THE COUNTY COUNCIL; OR

2. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A SPECIFIC THIRD–PARTY ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL.

(II) 1. SUBJECT TO SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, A COUNTY COUNCIL MAY ALLOCATE PART OF THE BUDGETS ALLOCABLE SOLELY TO THAT COUNTY TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IF THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION OR MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES ARE RELATED TO THE MISSION OR WORK OF THE COMMISSION.

2. FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR, A COUNTY COUNCIL MAY NOT ALLOCATE MORE THAN:

A. $5,000,000 IN THE AGGREGATE TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; OR

B. $250,000 TO AN INDIVIDUAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

3. AN ALLOCATION OF THE COMMISSION'S BUDGETS TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION SHALL BE ADMINISTERED AS A REIMBURSABLE GRANT.

4. A NONPROFIT THAT RECEIVES AN ALLOCATION OF THE COMMISSION'S BUDGETS IS SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AS PROVIDED IN SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS TITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2027.