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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY*

To: All Councilmembers of the Anne Arundel County Council

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Subject: Bill No. 110-21

Under § 17-8-403(2) of the Code, a reconfiguration of lot coverage in the critical area triggers a requirement that any lot coverage on the property that exceeds the amount allowed by law be reduced by 10%. Bill No. 110-21 contains two exceptions to the 10% reduction requirement.

Whenever a marina relocates legal lot coverage located in a buffer modification area to an area outside the buffer modification area, without creating any additional lot coverage overall, the marina need not reduce by 10% any lot coverage that exceeds the amount allowed by law. This allows a marina to move, for example, parking spaces located within 100 feet of the water to an area beyond the 100 feet, without being subject to the "penalty." *See* § 17-8-705(b)(5).

Whenever a marina constructs improvements on top of existing legal lot coverage outside the buffer modification area, a marina that is a certified clean marina by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources is not subject to the 10% reduction requirement. *See* § 17-8-705(b)(6). For additional information about "certified clean marinas," *see* <https://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Pages/cleanmarina/home.aspx>.

Remaining changes are of a style or technical nature.

The Bill takes effect upon the later of 45 days from the date it becomes law or upon approval by the Maryland Critical Area Commission. *See* Section 2 of the Bill.

* This Legislative Summary provides a synopsis of the bill as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the bill.