



## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OFFICE OF LAW

### Legislative Summary

**To:** Members, Anne Arundel County Council

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**Date:** September 5, 2023

**Subject:** Bill No. 70-23 - Approval of the Lease between Anne Arundel County and Addiction Recovery, Inc., doing business as Hope House Treatment Center (“Hope House”).

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This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Office of Law for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Bill No. 70-23.

### Background

In December 2022, the County acquired the property known as the Crownsville Hospital Complex from the State of Maryland pursuant to a deed recorded in the Land Records in Book 39333, page 426 (“Crownsville Property”). Hope House previously leased part of the Crownsville Property known as 26 Marbury Drive, Crownsville, Maryland 21032 (“Premises”) from the State for business operations related to substance use recovery and mental health treatment. With the County’s acquisition of the Crownsville Property, Hope House and the County desire to enter into a lease agreement whereby Hope House will lease the Premises for a term of 35 years, plus two, 30-year renewal options. In addition, the Lease provides that Hope House has a right of first refusal to purchase the Premises subject to the terms of the Lease. The annual rent for the initial term and any renewal terms shall be One Dollar (\$1.00).

Section 8-3-301 of the County Code requires that any contract for lease of County-owned property that specifies a term, including renewal options, of three years or more, be approved by ordinance of the County Council.

### Purpose

The purpose of Bill No. 70-23 is to approve a Lease Agreement between the County and Hope House for the Premises.

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

**Bill No. 70-23**

**SECTION 1.**

This section approves the Lease Agreement between the County and Hope House and incorporates the Lease Agreement by reference.

**SECTION 2.**

This section provides that a certified copy of the Lease Agreement shall be kept on file with the Administrative Officer to the County Council and the Office of Central Services.

**SECTION 3.**

This section provides that the bill takes effect 45 days after it becomes law.

The Office of Law is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill.  
Thank you.

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