

PROPOSED

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2025, Legislative Day No. 13

Bill No. 63-25

Introduced by Ms. Fiedler

By the County Council, June 16, 2025

Introduced and first read on June 16, 2025
Public Hearing set for July 21, 2025
Bill Expires on September 19, 2025

By Order: Kaley Schultze, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Zoning – Requirements for Special Exception Uses –
2 Community Piers and Launching Ramps

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4 FOR the purpose of removing requirements for accessibility; and generally relating to
5 zoning.

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7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments: § 18-11-141 (4)
8 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) (as amended by Bill No. 16-25)

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10 WHEREAS, the County Council passed Bill No. 16-25 on April 21, 2025 to allow
11 for Special Exceptions regarding community piers and launching ramps on
12 properties with assisted living facilities; and

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14 WHEREAS, Bill No. 16-25 applies to assisted living facilities with community
15 piers and launching ramps in the critical area contingent on the approval of the
16 Maryland Critical Area Commission under the authority granted by §8-1801 et. seq.
17 of the Natural Resources Article of the State Code; and

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19 WHEREAS, The Maryland Critical Area Commission notified Anne Arundel
20 County on May 6, 2025 that State Critical Area law and regulations allow for
21 disturbance to the Critical Area Buffer for direct riparian access, Natural Resources
22 Article §8-1808(c)(1)(iii) requires, as part of each local Critical Area Program,
23 provisions for reasonable accommodations when accommodations are necessary to
24 avoid discrimination on the basis of physical disability, and Anne Arundel County
25 currently has a process for reviewing and approving riparian access necessary under

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[[Brackets]] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.
Asterisks *** indicate existing Code provisions in a list or chart that remain unchanged.

1 ADA provisions such that the language added in §18-11-141(4) of Bill No. 16-25
2 is not necessary; now, therefore

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4 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
5 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)(as amended by Bill
6 No. 16-25) read as follows:

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8 **ARTICLE 18. ZONING**

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10 **TITLE 11. REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION USES**

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12 **18-11-141. Piers and launching ramps, community.**

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14 A community pier or launching ramp shall comply with all of the following
15 requirements.

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19 (4) Disturbance to the buffer shall be the minimum necessary to provide a single point
20 of access to the facility [[except for required ADA access]].

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24 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
25 from the date it becomes law.