

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Bill No. 129-73

AN ORDINANCE to add new Sections 1-900 through 1-907, inclusive, to the Anne Arundel County Code (1967 Edition and Supplements), Title 1, "Administration", to follow immediately after Section 1-802 thereof, and to be under the new Subtitle 9, "Financial Disclosure", to provide for the filing of disclosure statements by certain public officials and candidates, to define certain terminology as used in this Subtitle, to provide for the content of said disclosure statements, to establish procedures and penalties for the violation of the provisions of said Subtitle, and matters generally related thereto.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND, That new Sections 1-900 through 1-907, inclusive, be, and they are hereby added to the Anne Arundel County Code (1967 Edition and Supplements), Title 1, "Administration", to follow immediately after Section 1-802 thereof, and to be under the new Subtitle 9, "Financial Disclosure", and to read as follows:

SECTION 1-900. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE.

RECOGNIZING THAT OUR SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IS DEPENDENT IN PART UPON THE PEOPLE MAINTAINING THE HIGHEST TRUST IN THEIR PUBLIC OFFICERS, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO BE ASSURED THAT THE FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF HOLDERS OF AND CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE PRESENT NO CONFLICT WITH THE PUBLIC TRUST. IT IS, THEREFORE, THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE TO PROMOTE THE CONTINUED TRUST AND CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN THE INTEGRITY OF THEIR PUBLIC OFFICERS. THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1002A OF THE CHARTER OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

SECTION 1-901. DEFINITIONS

WHEN USED IN THIS SUBTITLE:

(A) "INTEREST" MEANS ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST, WHETHER OR NOT SUBJECT TO AN ENCUMBRANCE OR A CONDITION, WHICH WAS OWNED OR HELD, IN WHOLE OR IN PART,