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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY*

To: All Councilmembers of the Anne Arundel County Council
From: Linda M. Schuett, Legislative Counsel
Date: January 4, 2021
Subject: Bill No. 2-21

Bill No. 2-21 adds bird sanctuaries as a conditional use in the RA and RLD zoning districts. The Bill defines the use as a facility where birds are kept and given care. *See* 18-1-101(20).

There are five conditions for the use:

- (1) The bird sanctuary must be located on a lot of at least three acres.
- (2) Buildings and enclosures used in connection with the use must be located at least 100 feet from residentially zoned property and birds may not be kept within the 100-foot setback.
- (3) At least one person involved in the bird sanctuary must occupy any dwelling on the property.
- (4) The bird sanctuary must be operated by a tax-exempt entity and it may not be operated for commercial purposes.
- (5) The entity which operates the bird sanctuary must be accredited by the American Sanctuary Association or by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries.

See 18-10-111.

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