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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY*

To: All Councilmembers of the Anne Arundel County Council
From: Linda M. Schuett, Legislative Counsel
Date: January 19, 2021
Subject: Bill No. 9-21

Existing § 1-6-104 of the Code provides that a proclamation of a civil emergency or an executive order is not effective for more than seven days unless authorized by ordinance adopted by the County Council. Existing law is silent as to the length of any extension.

Bill No. 9-21 limits the extension of a proclamation of a civil emergency or an executive order to 45 days beyond the seven-day period. The 45-day limitation applies to an initial extension and any subsequent extensions.

The Bill also requires that the ordinance be an emergency ordinance, thereby requiring the affirmative vote of five members of the County Council. Finally, the Bill makes it clear that § 1-6-104 does not apply to all executive orders. Rather, it applies only to those executive orders entered pursuant to the proclamation of a civil emergency.

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