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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY\***

To: All Councilmembers of the Anne Arundel County Council

From: Linda M. Schuett, Legislative Counsel

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Subject: Bill No. 49-21

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Assisted living facilities are allowed as a special exception use in all residential zoning districts other than RA. Section 18-11-104 sets forth the requirements for the special exception use.

Under the current requirements, the developer of an assisted living facility located outside the critical area and in more than one zoning district must have unified control of the facility and the capability to provide for completion and continuous operation and maintenance of the facility. *See* Section 18-11-104(3)(iv). Bill No. 49-21 makes this requirement applicable to all assisted living facilities.

Under existing Section 18-11-104(4), all assisted care units in an assisted living facility must be located in a multifamily dwelling. Bill No. 49-21 allows assisted care units to be provided in duplex, semi-detached, and townhouse dwelling units, whether or not these types of dwellings are allowed in the zoning district in which the assisted living facility is located. Bill No. 49-21 includes maximum height limitations, maximum density, and maximum square footage for these dwellings. Finally, Bill No. 49-21 provides that an assisted living facility must comply with the bulk regulations set forth in Section 18-11-104 but the bulks regulations applicable to the zoning district in which the facility is located do not apply.

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