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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY*

To: All Councilmembers of the Anne Arundel County Council

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Subject: Bill No. 61-21

Existing Title 3 of Article 18 of the Code deals with parking, nonresidential outdoor lighting, and signage. There are no provisions in the existing Code that address outdoor lighting in residential zoning districts.

Bill No. 61-21 imposes conditions on outdoor lighting in residential zoning districts. It requires that outdoor light fixtures installed on residentially zoned lots be arranged to direct the light down towards the property on which the light fixture is located and away from adjoining residential lots. Light fixtures that highlight a particular object, such as a flag or landscaping, must be aimed to confine the light to the object. Light fixtures used for security purposes must be motion sensing. *See* § 18-3-201(c).

The Bill also clarifies the applicability of § 18-3-201. It provides that the section does not apply to light fixtures on public streets or rights-of-way. *See* § 18-3-201(a). Finally, the provisions relating to outdoor lighting in nonresidential zoning districts are consolidated into one subsection. *See* § 18-3-201(b).

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