Chapter 688

(House Bill 906)

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County – Common Ownership Communities – Fee for Mandatory Administrative Hearing Services

PG 401–12

FOR the purpose of authorizing Prince George's County, by ordinance, to impose and collect a fee for the provision of mandatory administrative hearing services for the resolution of disputes involving a common ownership community located in the county; authorizing Prince George's County to include certain provisions in a certain ordinance; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the authority of Prince George's County to impose and collect a fee for the provision of mandatory administrative hearing services for common ownership communities.

BY adding to

Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions Section 9–1601 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 16. Prince George's County Mandatory Administrative Hearing Services" Annotated Code of Maryland (2011 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions

SUBTITLE 16. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MANDATORY ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SERVICES.

9-1601.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITY" MEANS:

(1) A CONDOMINIUM ORGANIZED UNDER TITLE 11 OF THE REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE;

(2) A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED UNDER TITLE 11B OF THE REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE; OR (3) A COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION ORGANIZED UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 6B OF THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE.

(B) BY ORDINANCE, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MAY IMPOSE AND COLLECT A FEE FOR THE PROVISION OF MANDATORY ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SERVICES FOR THE RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES INVOLVING A COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY.

(C) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MAY SPECIFY IN THE ORDINANCE:

(1) WHICH REMEDIES MUST BE EXHAUSTED BEFORE MANDATORY ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SERVICES MAY BE UTILIZED; AND

(2) THE PROCESS INVOLVED IN THE MANDATORY ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING SERVICES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2012.