

NOTICE OF PASSAGE OF BILL 20-3
WORCESTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Take Notice that Bill 20-3 (Natural Resources - Special Events in Resource Conservation Areas) was passed by the County Commissioners on May 19, 2020.

A fair summary of the bill is as follows:

§ NR 3-102(a). (Adds a definition of the term “Special Events” to the Worcester County Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Law.)

§ NR 1-108(d)(10). (Adds this new subsection to authorize special events to be conducted in an Estate, Agricultural or Resource Protection zoning district within Resource Conservation Areas of the Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area, subject to certain standards, including: the activities must generally occur outside the buffer area; a scaled drawing must be submitted for approval demonstrating compliance with the site requirements of the County Zoning Ordinance and minimizing impacts on natural resources; such events shall be conducted in close proximity to existing structures; special events shall be limited to properties of twenty-five acres or larger in area and may only be scheduled to occur between April 1 and October 31 of each calendar year; and requiring compliance with and protection of Habitat Protection Areas as defined in Section NR 3-120 of the Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Law.)

This bill becomes effective forty-five (45) days from the date of its passage.

This is only a fair summary of the bill. A full copy of the bill is posted on the Legislative Bulletin Board in the main hall of the Worcester County Government Center outside Room 1103, is available for public inspection in Room 1103 of the Worcester County Government Center and is available on the County Website at www.co.worcester.md.us.

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