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Executive Action _____
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County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2017 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 1

Bill No. 8 -2017

Introduced by: Calvin Ball and Jon Weinstein

AN ACT authorizing the Howard County Office of Law to institute any civil action or other proceedings related to the implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System at Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2017. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2017.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on _____, 2017 and Passed ____, Passed with amendments _____, Failed _____.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this ___ day of _____, 2017 at ___ a.m./p.m.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive _____, 2017

Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, The Howard County Council finds that the implementation of the Next Generation
2 Air Transportation System at Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall
3 Airport by the Federal Aviation Administration has harmed residents of the County
4 because excessive and increased noise from airplanes has decreased home values; and
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6 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Aviation Administration failed to consider appropriately the significant
7 environmental impact of the Next Generation Air Transportation System; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Aviation Administration acted arbitrarily or capriciously in issuing its
10 Finding of No Significant Impact under the National Environmental Protection Act; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, legal action may be necessary to protect residents of the County from the harm
13 caused by the excessive and increased noise from airplanes; and
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15 **WHEREAS** Section 405(b) of the Howard County Charter provides that the County Solicitor
16 shall have such legal duties as may be prescribed by legislative act of the Howard County
17 Council.
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19 **NOW, THEREFORE,**
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21 **Section 1. Be It Enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland,** that the
22 Howard County Office of Law is authorized to institute any civil action or other
23 proceedings related to the implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation
24 System at Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.
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26 **Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted** that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its
27 enactment.
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