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## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2023 Assembly Bill 685**

**Assembly Amendment 1**

### 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 685

2023 Assembly Bill 685 provides that a local governmental unit may not prohibit a property owner or a lessor of property that is owner-occupied from keeping four or fewer chickens, ducks, geese, quail, or guinea fowl on a property zoned for residential use.

Notwithstanding this prohibition, the bill specifies that a local governmental unit may do all of the following: (1) require the person keeping the fowl to obtain a permit; (2) require notification of owners of adjoining property where the fowl are to be kept; (3) impose reasonable regulations related to the location of the fowl housing on a property; and (4) prohibit keeping roosters.

### ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 makes the following changes to the bill:

- Removes geese and guinea fowl, so that the bill only applies to keeping chickens, ducks, or quail.
- In addition to the four conditions provided in the bill, also authorizes a local governmental unit to:  
(1) prohibit any keeping of chickens, ducks, or quail that is inconsistent with a condominium's declarations, bylaws, and rules; and (2) impose reasonable cleanliness standards.

### BILL HISTORY

Representative Sortwell offered Assembly Amendment 1 on February 1, 2024. On February 7, 2024, the Assembly Committee on Sporting Heritage recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 2; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 4.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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