

Chapter 275

(House Bill 639)

AN ACT concerning

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland – Property Management – Southern Maryland Regional Agricultural Center

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to act as a property manager of the Southern Maryland Regional Agricultural Center; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 13-601(a) and (c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Economic Development
Section 13-612
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Economic Development

13-601.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (c) “Council” means the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

13-612.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROPERTY MANAGER” MEANS AN ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING:

- (1) FINDING TENANTS;**
- (2) COLLECTING RENT;**

- (3) PAYING EXPENSES AND APPLICABLE TAXES;**
- (4) MAINTAINING UTILITIES AND SYSTEMS; AND**
- (5) TAKING ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS TO MANAGE AND OPERATE REAL PROPERTY.**

[(a)] (B) The Council may operate in the region.

[(b)] (C) The Council may:

- (1) adopt a seal;
- (2) sue;
- (3) adopt bylaws and rules for the conduct of its business;
- (4) enter into contracts and agreements;
- (5) borrow money and accept advances, loans, grants, contributions, and any other form of assistance from the federal government, the State, or other public or private source;
- (6) give any required security;
- (7) include in any contract for financial assistance with the federal government any reasonable and appropriate condition imposed under federal law that is not inconsistent with the purposes of this subtitle; **[and]**
- (8) execute any instrument and act as necessary, convenient, or desirable to carry out its powers and the purposes of this subtitle; **AND**

(9) ACT AS A PROPERTY MANAGER OF THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL CENTER OWNED BY AND LOCATED WITHIN ST. MARY'S COUNTY.

[(c)] (D) The Council shall publish its rules.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

Approved by the Governor, May 18, 2021.