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BY: Economic Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 66
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 2 and 3, strike “**Digital Inclusion**” and substitute “**Statewide Broadband**”; in line 5, strike “Digital Inclusion” and substitute “Statewide Broadband”; strike beginning with “repealing” in line 19 down through “Board;” in line 20.

On page 2, in line 11, strike “Department” and substitute “Office”; strike beginning with “repealing” in line 11 down through “Fund;” in line 12; in lines 14 and 30, in each instance, strike “Digital Inclusion” and substitute “Statewide Broadband”; in line 27, after “terms;” insert, “making conforming changes;”; strike in their entirety lines 31 through 37, inclusive; and in line 45, strike “6.6–107” and substitute “6.5–107”.

On page 3, after line 2, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Economic Development

Section 13-504

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)”;

and in line 6, strike “Digital Inclusion” and substitute “Statewide Broadband”; and after line 18, insert:

“(As enacted by Chapter 20 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020 and Chapters 4, 8, 25, 28, 33, and 36 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021)”.

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On page 4, strike beginning with “That” in line 20 down through “ENACTED,” in line 24.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 25, insert:

“Article – Economic Development

13–504.

The Board shall:

(1) assist in the deployment of broadband communication infrastructure in rural and underserved areas of the State;

(2) cooperate with public, private, and nonprofit entities to obtain, coordinate, and disseminate resources for the establishment of broadband communication services in rural and underserved areas of the State;

(3) review and approve the disbursement of funds under the Rural Broadband Assistance Fund under [§ 5–1102 of this article] § 6.5–107 OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE and any other federal, State, and private financial resources that may be provided to assist the establishment of broadband communication services in rural and underserved areas of the State; and

(4) perform other functions that are consistent with the intent of this subtitle.”;

in lines 27 and 33, in each instance, strike “**DIGITAL INCLUSION**” and substitute “**STATEWIDE BROADBAND**”; and in lines 31 and 32, strike “**DIGITAL INCLUSION**” and substitute “**STATEWIDE BROADBAND**”.

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On page 5, in line 2, strike “**DIGITAL INCLUSION**” and substitute “**STATEWIDE BROADBAND**”.

On page 10, in line 26, strike “**AND**” and substitute a comma; and in line 27, after “**FUND**” insert “**, AND THE RURAL BROADBAND ASSISTANCE FUND**”.

On page 14, strike beginning with “reversion” in line 4 down through “under” in line 5; in lines 26 and 27, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 26, strike “Department” and substitute “**OFFICE**”; in line 27, after “the” insert “**MARYLAND RURAL BROADBAND COORDINATION**”; and in the same line, strike “this article” and substitute “**THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE**”.

On page 15, in lines 14, 17, 26, and 31, strike “3.”, “4.”, “5.”, and “6.”, respectively, and substitute “2.”, “3.”, “4.”, and “5.”, respectively; in lines 20 and 21, in each instance, strike “Digital Inclusion” and substitute “Statewide Broadband”; and in line 33, after “Office” insert “of Statewide Broadband”.

On page 16, in lines 1, 10, 17, 22, and 27, strike “7.”, “8.”, “9.”, “10.”, and “11.”, respectively, and substitute “6.”, “7.”, “8.”, “9.”, and “10.”, respectively; in line 19, strike “Digital Inclusion” and substitute “Statewide Broadband”; and in lines 24 and 25, strike “Digital Inclusion” and substitute “Statewide Broadband”.