SENATE BILL 526

By: **Senators Colburn and Pipkin**
Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2013
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1　AN ACT concerning

2　**Counties and Municipalities – Required Legislation or Regulations –**
3　**Adoption by Reference**

4　FOR the purpose of authorizing a county or municipality to adopt certain State laws or
5　　　　regulations by reference under certain circumstances; requiring certain counties
6　　　　or municipalities to specify certain matters under certain circumstances; and
7　　　　generally relating to the adoption by reference of certain State laws or
8　　　　regulations by counties and municipalities.

9　BY adding to
10　　　　Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions
11　　　　Section 1–113
12　　　　Annotated Code of Maryland
13　　　　(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

Article 24 – Political Subdivisions – Miscellaneous Provisions

17　**1–113.**

18　　　　(A)　NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, IF A STATE LAW OR
19　REGULATION REQUIRES A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY TO ADOPT LEGISLATION
20　OR A REGULATION AT LEAST AS STRICT AS THE APPLICABLE STATE LAW OR
21　REGULATION, THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY ADOPT THE STATE LAW OR
22　REGULATION BY REFERENCE.

23　　　　(B)　IF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY ADOPTS A STATE LAW OR
24　REGULATION BY REFERENCE, THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY SHALL SPECIFY:

1   **(1)   WHETHER   IT   ALSO   ADOPTS   BY   REFERENCE   ANY**
2   **AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE LAW OR REGULATION EFFECTIVE AFTER THE**
3   **LOCAL ADOPTION OF THE STATE LAW OR REGULATION BY REFERENCE; AND**

4   **(2)   ANY EXCEPTIONS TO THE STATE LAW OR REGULATION IF THE**
5   **STATE LAW OR REGULATION AUTHORIZES LOCAL OPTIONS.**

6   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7   October 1, 2013.