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SB 718 – Somerset County Code of Public Local Laws - 2025 Edition -
Legalization**

Statement of Support by Bill Sponsor Senator Mary Beth Carozza

Thank you Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and my fellow members of the distinguished Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee for this opportunity to present Senate Bill 718 – Somerset County Code of Public Local Laws – 2025 Edition – Legalization and ask for a favorable report.

This legislation would allow for the legalization of the 2025 Edition of the Somerset County Code of Public Laws and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the Maryland General Assembly. This is a simple bookkeeping matter to legalize the actions that Somerset County has taken since the last printing of the revision in 2016 and would allow the County to reprint their code of local laws.

Somerset County is a Commission County, which means the local government has limited authority and must seek legislative approval from the Maryland General Assembly on matters like this bill.

For background, public local laws are passed by the Maryland General Assembly that only apply to specific cities or counties that are then incorporated into the county or city's code. Therefore, passage of SB 718 is necessary to full legalize all of the Somerset County legislation that we as a body have enacted since 2016.

I thank you for your kind attention and consideration, and I respectfully request a favorable and swift report on SB 718.