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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning - Local Jurisdiction Rating**
3 **Systems**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that local jurisdictions may create ratingsystems to
5 establish an economic growth, resource protection, and planning policy; providing
6 certain criteria for the rating systems; creating the Interagency Economic Growth,
7 Resource Protection, and Planning Policy Committee; providing for the
8 membership of the Committee; providing that the committee shall establish criteria
9 for ranking the rating systems; providing that available grants and loans from the
10 fund shall be allocated to the local jurisdictions based on certain criteria developed
11 by the Committee; establishing a Growth Management Incentive Fund; providing
12 that the Fund shall consist of moneys appropriated to it in the State Budget from
13 moneys set aside from existing infrastructure funding, capital, and land acquisition
14 programs; requiring the Committee to report to the Governor by a certain date the
15 appropriate amounts to be set aside; and generally relating to localjurisdiction
16 rating systems for economic growth, resource protection, and planning.

17 BY renumbering

18 Article - State Finance and Procurement
19 Section 5-7A-01 and 5-7A-02, respectively
20 to be Section 5-7A-02 and 5-7A-03, respectively
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

23 BY adding to

24 Article - State Finance and Procurement
25 Section 5-7A-01 and 5-7A-04 through 5-7A-06
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

28 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
29 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 5-7A-01 and 5-7A-02, respectively, of the Article - State
30 Finance and Procurement of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumberedto be
31 Section(s) 5-7A-02 and 5-7A-03, respectively.

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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
2 read as follows:

3 **Article - State Finance and Procurement**

4 5-7A-01.

5 IN THIS SUBTITLE, "COMMITTEE" MEANS THE INTERAGENCY ECONOMIC
6 GROWTH, RESOURCE PROTECTION, AND PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE
7 ESTABLISHED IN § 5-7A-04 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

8 5-7A-04.

9 (A) THERE IS AN INTERAGENCY ECONOMIC GROWTH, RESOURCE
10 PROTECTION, AND PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE.

11 (B) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

- 12 (1) THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE;
- 13 (2) THE SECRETARY OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;
- 14 (3) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING;
- 15 (4) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT;
- 16 (5) THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES;
- 17 (6) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT;
- 18 (7) THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES;
- 19 (8) THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION;
- 20 (9) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING; AND
- 21 (10) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

22 (C) A DESIGNEE OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER MAY PARTICIPATE IN PLACE OF
23 THE MEMBER IF THE DESIGNEE HOLDS THE TITLE OF DEPUTY SECRETARY OR THE
24 EQUIVALENT.

25 (D) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING SHALL SERVE AS
26 CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

27 (E) THE COMMITTEE SHALL ADMINISTER THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE
28 GROWTH MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE FUND IN A MANNER THAT:

- 29 (1) ENCOURAGES LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO DEVELOP
30 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH, RESOURCE PROTECTION, AND PLANNING
31 POLICIES; AND
- 32 (2) ENSURES THAT ECONOMIC GROWTH, RESOURCE PROTECTION, AND
33 PLANNING ARE EFFECTIVELY ACCOMPLISHED IN A CONSISTENT MANNER
34 THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

35 (F) THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

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1 (1) CREATE CRITERIA FOR RATING SYSTEMS TO BE DEVELOPED BY
2 LOCAL JURISDICTIONS;

3 (2) DEVELOP A MEANS BY WHICH TO EVALUATE AND RANK THE LOCAL
4 JURISDICTIONS' RATING SYSTEMS; AND

5 (3) REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1312 OF
6 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY OCTOBER 31,
7 1996 ON THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNTS TO BE SET ASIDE FROM EXISTING
8 INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING, CAPITAL, AND LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAMS,
9 DETERMINED BASED UPON AN ASSESSMENT OF FUNDING NEEDS TO SUPPORT
10 GROWTH DEVELOPMENT IN APPROPRIATE AREAS AND ON THE IMPACTS OF THE SET
11 ASIDE UNDER § 5-7A-05(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE ON EXISTING PROGRAMS.

12 5-7A-05.

13 (A) THERE IS A GROWTH MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE FUND CONSISTING OF
14 MONEYS APPROPRIATED TO IT IN THE STATE BUDGET. THE FUND SHALL CONSIST
15 OF MONEYS SET ASIDE FROM EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING, CAPITAL, AND
16 LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAMS AND ASSIGNED TO THE FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE.

17 (B) PRIORITY FOR ALLOCATION OF GRANTS AND LOANS FROM THE GROWTH
18 MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE FUND SHALL BE BASED ON THE COMMITTEE'S
19 EVALUATION OF THE RATING SYSTEMS ESTABLISHED BY LOCAL JURISDICTION.

20 5-7A-06.

21 (A) EACH LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY ESTABLISH A RATING SYSTEM TO SERVE
22 AS A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY FOR THE LOCAL JURISDICTION TO EVALUATE,
23 PRIORITIZE, AND CONDUCT ECONOMIC GROWTH, RESOURCE PROTECTION, AND
24 PLANNING ACTIVITIES.

25 (B) EACH RATING SYSTEM SHALL:

26 (1) GENERALLY BE CONSISTENT WITH THE VISIONS IMPLEMENTED BY
27 THE LOCAL JURISDICTION UNDER ARTICLE 66B, § 3.06(B) OF THE CODE;

28 (2) SPECIFICALLY CONSIDER NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION,
29 DIRECTED GROWTH, DENSITY DEVELOPMENT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
30 NEIGHBORHOOD JOB CREATION, AND TRANSIT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT; AND

31 (3) INCORPORATE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMITTEE.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 July 1, 1996.