

BY: Commerce and Government Matters Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 597

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, after line 40, insert:

“WHEREAS, Many Maryland and national “firsts” occurred at St. Mary’s City, it being the place where:

(a) The separation of church and state was first practiced in the United States starting in 1634;

(b) Mathias De Sousa was the first man of African descent to vote in a legislature in 1645;

(c) The first woman’s request for the right to vote was voiced by Margaret Brent in 1647; and

(d) The first religious tolerance act was adopted in 1649; and

WHEREAS, Historic St. Mary’s City is one of the oldest and best preserved early colonial town sites remaining in America: the first Roman Catholic chapel in the English colonies was established there in 1635; the first use of town planning came in 1668; and the first printing press in the southern colonies came in 1685; and

WHEREAS, Events of tremendous historical significance to the development of the State of Maryland occurred at St. Mary’s City, including: the first state house of Maryland in 1634; the first industries in Maryland - brick making and iron works - were established in the 1630s, the first mill operated in Maryland in 1635, and the first public inn opened in Maryland in 1638; the first Anglican church in Maryland in 1643; and the first official city in Maryland in 1668; and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 9, strike in their entirety lines 10 through 31, inclusive; and in lines 32 and 40, strike

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“(3)” and “(4)”, respectively, and substitute “(2)” and “(3)”, respectively.

On page 10, in lines 4, 10, 14, 19, and 23, strike “(5)”, “(6)”, “(7)”, “(8)”, and “(9)”, respectively, and substitute “(4)”, “(5)”, “(6)”, “(7)”, and “(8)”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 19, in line 15, strike “ATTORNEYS,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 30, in line 14, strike “14-204(h)” and substitute “14-404(h)”.