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By: **Washington County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 1998

Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Contributions to Non-Profit Organizations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the County Commissioners of Washington County to  
4 maintain a list of non-profit organizations that are eligible to receive funds and  
5 to make the list available for public inspection; authorizing the County  
6 Commissioners to include certain organizations on the list and to publish the  
7 list in a manner the County Commissioners consider appropriate; repealing a  
8 certain list; and generally relating to the authority of the County Commissioners  
9 of Washington County to make contributions to non-profit organizations in  
10 Washington County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 The Public Local Laws of Washington County  
13 Section 1-108  
14 Article 22 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
15 (1991 Edition and December 1997 Supplement, as amended)

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

18 **Article 22 - Washington County**

19 1-108.

20 (a) [The] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
21 County Commissioners may contribute annually to the care, operation, maintenance,  
22 or capital expense of [the following] non-profit organizations in Washington County,  
23 if the amount is included in the regular annual budget of Washington County for that  
24 fiscal year[:

- 25 (1) The Washington County Free Library;
- 26 (2) The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts;
- 27 (3) The Washington County Public Health Association;

- 1 (4) The Washington County Hospital Association;
- 2 (5) The Washington County Home for Orphans and Friendless Children;
- 3 (6) Volunteer Fire Companies;
- 4 (7) Volunteer Ambulance Units;
- 5 (8) United Fund of Washington County, Inc.;
- 6 (9) Coffman Home for the Aging;
- 7 (10) Washington County Historical Society;
- 8 (11) Municipal Band;
- 9 (12) Alsatia Club Mummers Parade;
- 10 (13) Washington County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals;
- 11 (14) Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused, known as "CASA";
- 12 (15) Hancock Development Corporation;
- 13 (16) Maryland Theater;
- 14 (17) Hagerstown-Washington County Industrial Foundation;
- 15 (18) Washington County Association of Retarded Citizens;
- 16 (19) Turning Point of Washington County;
- 17 (20) Maryland Historical Society;
- 18 (21) Family Services of Washington County;
- 19 (22) Brooklane Psychiatric Center;
- 20 (23) Senior Living Alternatives, Inc.;
- 21 (24) Civil Air Patrol;
- 22 (25) Washington County Public Golf Corporation;
- 23 (26) Washington County Mental Health Authority, Inc.;
- 24 (27) The "W" House of Hagerstown Foundation, Inc.;
- 25 (28) Combined Health Agencies;
- 26 (29) Western Maryland Coalition; or

1 (30) Tri-state Health Services].

2 (B) (1) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL MAINTAIN A LIST OF  
3 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDS UNDER THIS  
4 SECTION.

5 (2) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY INCLUDE ON THE LIST OF  
6 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ANY ORGANIZATION APPROVED BY PUBLIC LOCAL  
7 LAW OR BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 1998  
8 WITHOUT REQUIRING AN APPLICATION OR HEARING BEFORE INCLUSION ON THE  
9 LIST.

10 [(b) Other than those organizations named in this section, the]

11 (C) (1) THE County Commissioners may add to the list under subsection  
12 [(a)] (B) of this section upon application by an organization.

13 (2) The application shall be made at least 90 days before the county's  
14 fiscal year begins and after a public hearing on the request for funds has been held.

15 (D) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL MAKE THE LIST UNDER THIS  
16 SECTION AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND MAY PUBLISH IT IN THE MANNER  
17 THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSIDER APPROPRIATE.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 October 1, 1998.