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By: **Delegate Bonsack**  
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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Charter Counties - Legislative Powers - Expansion of Authority**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the authority of counties that have adopted charter  
4 home rule by authorizing the governing body of the county to enact legislation  
5 on any subject matter to the extent that the General Assembly has authorized  
6 another charter county to legislate on the subject matter, subject to specified  
7 limitations; providing that the authority may not be construed in a specified  
8 manner; and generally relating to the legislative authority of counties that have  
9 adopted charter home rule.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article 25A - Chartered Counties of Maryland  
12 Section 5B  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 25A - Chartered Counties of Maryland**

18 5B.

19 (A) IN ADDITION TO ANY POWER THAT A CHARTER COUNTY MAY HAVE UNDER  
20 PUBLIC GENERAL OR PUBLIC LOCAL LAW, AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE  
21 COUNTY'S CHARTER, THE GOVERNING BODY OF A CHARTER COUNTY MAY ENACT  
22 LOCAL LEGISLATION ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:

23 (1) TO THE EXTENT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZES ANOTHER  
24 CHARTER COUNTY TO LEGISLATE ON THE SUBJECT MATTER; AND

25 (2) THAT IS NOT COVERED BY THE EXPRESS POWERS GRANTED TO THE  
26 COUNTY UNDER § 5 OF THIS ARTICLE.

27 (B) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED AS PART OF THE EXPRESS  
28 POWERS ACT FOR PURPOSES OF ARTICLE XI-A, § 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION.

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