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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 190

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after "cigarettes;" insert "establishing a special fund that may be used only for certain purposes; providing for the distribution of certain tobacco tax revenue to the special fund; providing that certain funds received by the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland shall be dedicated to certain purposes;"; after line 17, insert:

"BY adding to

Article 20 - Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

Section 2-404

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)";

and in line 20, strike "12-105" and substitute "2-1603, 12-105,".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 27, insert:

"Article 20 - Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

2-404.

(A) THERE IS A SPECIAL FUND CONSISTING OF THE TOBACCO TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED UNDER § 2-1603(B) OF THE TAX - GENERAL ARTICLE.

(B) THE SPECIAL FUND IS A NONLAPSING FUND THAT SHALL BE MAINTAINED FOR THE PURPOSES STATED IN THIS SECTION AND UNSPENT PORTIONS OF THE FUND SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND AND MAY NOT REVERT TO THE

(Over)

GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.

(C) THE SPECIAL FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TO THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND FOR THE PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

(D) THE FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEDICATED TO IMPLEMENTING THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGIONAL STRATEGY - ACTION PLAN FOR AGRICULTURE ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE.”;

and after line 28, insert:

“2-1603.

(A) [After] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AFTER making the distributions required under §§ 2-1601 and 2-1602 of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall distribute the remaining tobacco tax revenue to the General Fund of the State.

(B) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THAT BEGINS ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2000 BUT BEFORE JULY 1, 2005, BEFORE MAKING THE DISTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE \$10,000,000 TO THE SPECIAL FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 20, § 2-404 OF THE CODE.”.