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By: **Senators Middleton and Dyson**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tobacco Settlement Moneys - Appropriation to Tri-County Council for**  
3 **Southern Maryland**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include in the annual State budget,  
5 beginning with a certain fiscal year and through a certain fiscal year, an  
6 appropriation to the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland in a certain  
7 amount from funds the State receives annually from the Master Settlement  
8 Agreement entered into between the State and the major tobacco  
9 manufacturers; providing that the appropriation shall be separate from and in  
10 addition to certain other amounts paid by tobacco manufacturers; providing that  
11 funds received by the Council shall be dedicated to implementing a certain plan;  
12 and generally relating to an appropriation from the funds the State receives  
13 from the Master Settlement Agreement to the Tri-County Council for Southern  
14 Maryland.

15 BY adding to  
16 Article 20 - Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland  
17 Section 2-404  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

22 **Article 20 - Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland**

23 2-404.

24 (A) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, BEGINNING  
25 WITH FISCAL YEAR 2001 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE GOVERNOR SHALL  
26 INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION TO THE COUNCIL IN  
27 AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 5% OF THE FUNDS THE STATE RECEIVES ANNUALLY FROM  
28 THE MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE AND TOBACCO  
29 PRODUCT MANUFACTURERS ENTERED INTO ON NOVEMBER 23, 1998.

1           (2)       THE APPROPRIATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION  
2 SHALL BE SEPARATE FROM AND IN ADDITION TO ANY AMOUNTS PAID BY TOBACCO  
3 MANUFACTURERS TO TOBACCO GROWERS TO COMPENSATE TOBACCO GROWERS FOR  
4 THEIR LOSSES.

5       (B)       THE FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS  
6 SECTION SHALL BE DEDICATED TO IMPLEMENTING THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND  
7 REGIONAL STRATEGY - ACTION PLAN FOR AGRICULTURE ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL  
8 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE.

9       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 1999.