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By: **Senators Baker and Hooper**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Cecil County - Economic Development Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law concerning the Cecil County
4 Economic Development Commission; altering the composition and qualifications
5 of the members of the Commission; altering the term of office of members of the
6 Commission; altering the meeting schedule and the number of members needed
7 to call a meeting of the Commission; requiring the Commission to file a certain
8 annual report by a certain date; making stylistic changes; and generally relating
9 to the Cecil County Economic Development Commission.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 The Public Local Laws of Cecil County
12 Section 26-1 through 26-6, inclusive
13 Article 8 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
14 (1989 Edition and November 1999 Supplement, as amended)

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

17 **Article 8 - Cecil County**

18 26-1.

19 The Economic Development Commission of Cecil County is created for the
20 purpose of advancing the general ECONOMIC welfare of the people through THE
21 ESTABLISHMENT OF programs and activities [to develop Cecil County's natural
22 resources and economic opportunities pertaining to commerce] THAT RESULT IN NEW
23 ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, JOB GROWTH, AND EXPANSION OF THE LOCAL TAX BASE, AND

1 THAT RELATE TO MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT,
2 CORPORATE AND REGIONAL OFFICES, agriculture, [forestry, transportation, travel,]
3 AND tourism [and recreation,]; and to cooperate WITH and offer assistance to existing
4 industries and businesses IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ECONOMIC EXPANSION, and to
5 promote and encourage the [establishing] ESTABLISHMENT and location of new
6 industries and businesses in Cecil County; and [other matters] TO DEVELOP AND
7 IMPLEMENT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES intended to foster and develop
8 gainful employment [and the pursuit of happiness of] OPPORTUNITIES FOR all who
9 are now or may hereafter be residents of Cecil County.

10 26-2.

11 The Commission shall consist of not fewer than [nine (9)] TWENTY-THREE (23)
12 nor more than [fifteen (15)] THIRTY-THREE (33) members, who shall be appointed by
13 the Board of County Commissioners. [The members shall represent a cross-section of
14 the economic composition of] MEMBERS SHOULD REASONABLY REPRESENT THE
15 VARIOUS SECTORS WITHIN Cecil County and shall be selected because of their known
16 experience and interest in the ECONOMIC development of Cecil County. [Those
17 organizations representing the same categoric interest shall jointly send to the Board
18 a list of not less than two (2) nor more than three (3) names of persons duly qualified
19 and interested in serving on the Commission.] THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL INCLUDE
20 ONE (1) REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION LOCATED IN THE
21 COUNTY, WHO SHALL BE SELECTED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE MAYOR AND
22 COMMISSIONERS. THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL ALSO INCLUDE TWO (2)
23 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, WHO ARE INTERESTED IN
24 THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF CECIL COUNTY.

25 26-3.

26 The members of the Commission shall serve for [two (2)] THREE (3) years from
27 the effective date of their appointment and are eligible for reappointment. They shall
28 serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and other
29 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The Commission shall select
30 from its own membership a [Chairman, Vice Chairman] CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, and a
31 Secretary-Treasurer to serve a term of one (1) year and to be eligible for re-election,
32 provided that no one (1) person shall hold the position of [Chairman] CHAIR for more
33 than three (3) consecutive terms. Upon the death, disability, resignation, or removal
34 of any member of the Commission, the Board shall appoint a person representing
35 GENERALLY the same [categoric] BUSINESS, MUNICIPAL, OR COMMUNITY interest to
36 serve for the unexpired term. The Commission has the power to establish and appoint
37 advisory groups and committees to assist in its program of activity [of which], WHICH
38 membership is not restricted solely to members of the Commission.

39 26-4.

40 The Commission shall meet [monthly] REGULARLY and [shall] MAY hold
41 special meetings at the call of the [Chairman] CHAIR or [of any three (3)] A
42 MAJORITY OF THE members of the Commission. The Commission shall adopt such
43 rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to govern its procedure and business.

1 [Seven (7)] A MAJORITY OF THE members shall constitute a quorum. The
2 Commission shall submit to the Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County an
3 annual operating budget for [the] EACH fiscal year for the approval [of] BY the
4 Board, and the Board shall provide such funds as it may approve. The Commission is
5 empowered to employ such employees as its business may require, within the limits of
6 its appropriation, provided that any newly created position or positions and salary
7 pertinent thereto receive the PRIOR approval of the Board. This provision requires
8 that the title of the position or positions to be created be subject to the County
9 Commissioners' approval, with the actual appointment of a person or persons to be
10 within the powers of the Economic Development Commission.

11 26-5.

12 [Annual reports] AN ANNUAL REPORT shall be made BY THE ECONOMIC
13 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION and filed with the Board of County Commissioners of
14 Cecil County WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR and made available
15 to the public. The annual report shall include AN ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE OF
16 THE COMMISSION AND THE STAFF OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AS
17 WELL AS subjects and recommendations for the improvement and advancement of the
18 economic welfare of the people of Cecil County.

19 26-6.

20 The Commission may:

21 A. Investigate and assemble information pertinent to the economic resources
22 and industrial opportunities of the county.

23 B. Encourage [location of new industrial enterprises in the county and] the
24 expansions of [present] EXISTING enterprises AND ENCOURAGE THE LOCATION OF
25 NEW INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY.

26 C. Encourage development of [recreational areas] AGRIBUSINESS and
27 [encourage] PROMOTE tourist business in the county, making the public aware of the
28 county's [historical background] HISTORY and [progress] CULTURE.

29 D. Disseminate information in the interest of industrial development by
30 publication, advertising and other means.

31 E. [Cooperate] DEVELOP STRATEGIC ALLIANCES with [any] federal, state,
32 REGIONAL, AND local [agency, board or commission] ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
33 BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS in the furtherance of its purposes.

34 F. Cooperate with any interested private [concern] ENTITY, civic
35 organization or subdivisions thereof in furtherance of its purposes.

36 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
37 October 1, 2000.

