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By: **Southern Maryland Delegation**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland - Advisory Board on Consumer**  
3                                   **Affairs**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law that established an advisory  
5 board on consumer affairs under the jurisdiction of the Tri-County Council for  
6 Southern Maryland and that establish procedures for filing consumer  
7 complaints with the advisory board and for investigating and resolving those  
8 complaints; repealing certain obsolete definitions; and generally relating to the  
9 repeal of the advisory board on consumer affairs serving the Calvert, Charles,  
10 and St. Mary's tri-county area.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article 20 - Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland  
13 Section 1-102  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2001 Replacement Volume)

16 BY repealing  
17 Article 20 - Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland  
18 Section 4-101 through 4-108, inclusive, and the title "Title 4. Consumer Affairs"  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

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

24 1-102.

25 (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

26 (b) "Area" means the regional planning and development area that includes  
27 all of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties.

1 (c) "Commissioners" means the county commissioners of Calvert, Charles, and  
2 St. Mary's counties.

3 (d) ["Consumer" means a purchaser, lessee or recipient or prospective  
4 purchaser, lessee or recipient of consumer goods or services or consumer credit.

5 (e) "Consumer goods, services, credit and debts" are goods, services, credit,  
6 debts and obligations which are primarily for personal, household, family or  
7 agricultural purposes.

8 (f) "Council" means the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

9 [(g)] (E) "Plan" means a regional plan prepared by the Council for all of  
10 Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties.

11 [(h)] (F) "Region" means the area that includes all of Calvert, Charles, and  
12 St. Mary's counties.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 4-101  
14 through 4-108, inclusive, and the title "Title 4. Consumer Affairs" of Article 20 -  
15 Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland of the Annotated Code of Maryland be  
16 repealed.

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
18 effect October 1, 2002.