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By: **Delegates McClenahan, Wood, Bozman, and Conway**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County and St. Mary's County - Ferry Companies - Franchises**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the county commissioners of Somerset County and St.  
4 Mary's County to grant one or more franchises for a ferry company to operate  
5 between Somerset County and St. Mary's County and between Somerset County  
6 and Reedville, Virginia on an exclusive or nonexclusive basis, and to adopt  
7 certain regulations; and generally relating to franchises for ferry companies in  
8 Somerset County and St. Mary's County.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article 25 - County Commissioners  
11 Section 3D(a)(3)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article 25 - County Commissioners**

17 3D.

18 (a) (3) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY ANTICOMPETITIVE EFFECT, THE  
19 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY MAY  
20 GRANT ONE OR MORE FRANCHISES FOR A FERRY COMPANY TO OPERATE BETWEEN  
21 SOMERSET COUNTY AND ST. MARY'S COUNTY AND BETWEEN SOMERSET COUNTY  
22 AND REEDVILLE, VIRGINIA ON AN EXCLUSIVE OR NONEXCLUSIVE BASIS.

23 (II) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY AND ST.  
24 MARY'S COUNTY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
25 FEES AND RATES, TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
27 October 1, 2002.