SENATE BILL 590

By: **Senator Currie**
Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2002
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Telephone Service Tax**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Council for Prince George's County to
4   impose, by ordinance, and collect a sales and use tax on residential, commercial,
5   and industrial telephone service in Prince George's County; authorizing the
6   County Council to provide exemptions from the tax; requiring that the tax be
7   itemized on the telephone bill and collected by the telephone vendor on behalf of
8   Prince George's County; requiring that the net proceeds from the tax be used
9   only for certain purposes; and generally relating to authorization for a telephone
10   service tax in Prince George's County.

11 BY adding to
12   Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions
13   Section 9-606
14   Annotated Code of Maryland
15   (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

18   **Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions**

19 9-606.

20   (A)   THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MAY IMPOSE, BY
21 ORDINANCE, AND COLLECT A SALES AND USE TAX ON RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL,
22 AND INDUSTRIAL TELEPHONE SERVICE IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

23   (B)   THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAY PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FROM THE TAX
24 IMPOSED UNDER THIS SECTION.

25   (C)   (1)   THE TAX SHALL BE ITEMIZED ON EACH BILL FOR TELEPHONE
26 SERVICE IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

1   (2)   EACH VENDOR PROVIDING TELEPHONE SERVICE IN PRINCE
2 GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL COLLECT THE TAX ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY AND
3 REMIT THE TAX TO THE COUNTY.

4   (D)   THE NET PROCEEDS OF THE REVENUE FROM THE TAX IMPOSED UNDER
5 THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
6 OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM.

7   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 July 1, 2002.