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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 212 (Southern Maryland Delegation)
Commerce and Government Matters Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

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

This bill repeals the provision that establishes an Advisory Board on Consumer Affairs under the jurisdiction of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The advisory board has not been established.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: The Maryland General Assembly created the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland and the Consumer Affairs Board in 1976 (Chapter 708), as a regional planning and development agency for Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties. However, the Consumer Advisory Board has not been established because the Tri-County Council has not approved a resolution creating the board, which is required by law. The Tri-County Council, in January 2002, approved a request for legislation to repeal the language authorizing the board.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: A similar bill was introduced at the 1998 session as HB 290. The bill received a favorable report by the Commerce and Government Matters Committee and was adopted by the full House. The Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee did not take action on the bill.

Cross File: None.

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