

BY: Senator Pipkin

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 150,
(Third Reading File Bill - Committee Reprint)

On page 191, under:

Heading: DIVISION OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Program: T00I00.01

Entitled: Division of Regional Development

In line 6, after "Appropriation" insert ", provided that \$700,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of providing grants in the Division of Regional Development may only be expended to provide grants of \$140,000 to each of the following councils: the Tri-County Council of Western Maryland, the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland, the Mid-Shore Regional Council, the Upper Shore Regional Council, and the Tri-County Council Lower Shore and may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose. Funds not spent at the end of the fiscal year for this purpose shall revert to the general fund."

Explanation: The allowance provides \$110,000 for each of the five regional development councils for a total of \$550,000. This amendment directs that, similar to language adopted in the fiscal 2005 budget, that the grant amount to each council be funded at \$140,000 each (an increase of \$30,000 per council, for an additional \$150,000 total). Funds for other grants in the Division of Regional Development will be reduced as a result. Monies not spent for this purpose at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to the general fund.