

HOUSE BILL 639

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By: **Delegate D.M. Davis**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland – Property Management – Southern**
3 **Maryland Regional Agricultural Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to act as a
5 property manager of the Southern Maryland Regional Agricultural Center; defining
6 a certain term; and generally relating to the Tri-County Council for Southern
7 Maryland.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Economic Development
10 Section 13–601(a) and (c)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Economic Development
15 Section 13–612
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Economic Development

20 13–601.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (c) “Council” means the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 13-612.

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROPERTY MANAGER" MEANS AN ENTITY
3 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY,
4 INCLUDING:

5 (1) FINDING TENANTS;

6 (2) COLLECTING RENT;

7 (3) PAYING EXPENSES AND APPLICABLE TAXES;

8 (4) MAINTAINING UTILITIES AND SYSTEMS; AND

9 (5) TAKING ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS TO MANAGE AND OPERATE
10 REAL PROPERTY.

11 [(a)] (B) The Council may operate in the region.

12 [(b)] (C) The Council may:

13 (1) adopt a seal;

14 (2) sue;

15 (3) adopt bylaws and rules for the conduct of its business;

16 (4) enter into contracts and agreements;

17 (5) borrow money and accept advances, loans, grants, contributions, and
18 any other form of assistance from the federal government, the State, or other public or
19 private source;

20 (6) give any required security;

21 (7) include in any contract for financial assistance with the federal
22 government any reasonable and appropriate condition imposed under federal law that is
23 not inconsistent with the purposes of this subtitle; [and]

24 (8) execute any instrument and act as necessary, convenient, or desirable
25 to carry out its powers and the purposes of this subtitle; AND

26 (9) ACT AS A PROPERTY MANAGER OF THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND
27 REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL CENTER OWNED BY AND LOCATED WITHIN ST. MARY'S
28 COUNTY.

1 **[(c)] (D)** The Council shall publish its rules.

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
3 1, 2021.