A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Opioid Abatement Special Revenue Fund

FOR the purpose of establishing an Opioid Abatement Special Revenue Fund; providing for payment of revenues restricted in use by the State into the Fund; providing that the Fund shall be a special, non-lapsing fund; specifying the purposes for which transfers may be made from the Fund; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.

BY adding: § 4-11-125

Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County and its residents have been harmed by an epidemic of opioid addiction and overdose deaths, as well as by the myriad costs to the health, economic well-being, and welfare of all County residents caused by the epidemic; and

WHEREAS, certain pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors, and dispensers engaged in unlawful conduct related to the manufacture, marketing, promotion, distribution, and dispensing of opioids that has caused these harms; and

WHEREAS, many States and local governments engaged in litigation and settlement negotiations with the manufacturers and distributors in an effort to hold them accountable for their unlawful conduct and to obtain funds to be used to abate the epidemic; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law. [[Brackets]] indicate matter stricken from existing law. Captions and taglines in bold in this bill are catchwords and are not law.
WHEREAS, settlement negotiations have resulted in funding available to Anne Arundel County to use to abate the widespread harm of the opioid epidemic; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:

ARTICLE 4. FINANCE, TAXATION, AND BUDGET

TITLE 11. BUDGET

4-11-125. Opioid Abatement Special Revenue Fund.

(A) Fund established. THERE IS AN OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND INTO WHICH SHALL BE PAID THE COUNTY’S SHARE OF SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS FROM THE NATIONAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OF THE STATE AND NATIONAL LITIGATION RELATED TO THE OPIOID INDUSTRY, INCLUDING THE MANUFACTURING, MARKETING, PROMOTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND DISPENSING OF OPIOIDS.

(B) Special Fund. THE OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND.

(C) Purposes. THE REVENUE PAID INTO THE FUND SHALL BE USED AS PERMITTED BY THE “STATE-SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF OPIOIDS LITIGATION”, DATED JANUARY 21, 2022, AND § 7-331(F) OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE OF THE STATE CODE, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME.

SECTION 2. And be it further enacted, That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days from the date that it becomes law.

READ AND PASSED this 21st day of March, 2022

By Order:

[Signature]
Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 22nd day of March, 2022

[Signature]
Laura Corby
Administrative Officer
APPROVED AND ENACTED this 28th day of March, 2022

Steuart Pittman  
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 12, 2022

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF BILL NO. 18-22 THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE FILES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Laura Corby  
Administrative Officer