

Chapter 276

(Senate Bill 51)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

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

Article – Economic Development

13–601.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (c) “Council” means the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

13–612.

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROPERTY MANAGER” MEANS AN ENTITY
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY,
INCLUDING:**

- (1) FINDING TENANTS;**
- (2) COLLECTING RENT;**

- (3) PAYING EXPENSES AND APPLICABLE TAXES;**
- (4) MAINTAINING UTILITIES AND SYSTEMS; AND**
- (5) TAKING ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS TO MANAGE AND OPERATE REAL PROPERTY.**

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

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

- (1) adopt a seal;
- (2) sue;
- (3) adopt bylaws and rules for the conduct of its business;
- (4) enter into contracts and agreements;
- (5) borrow money and accept advances, loans, grants, contributions, and any other form of assistance from the federal government, the State, or other public or private source;
- (6) give any required security;
- (7) include in any contract for financial assistance with the federal government any reasonable and appropriate condition imposed under federal law that is not inconsistent with the purposes of this subtitle; **[and]**
- (8) execute any instrument and act as necessary, convenient, or desirable to carry out its powers and the purposes of this subtitle; **AND**

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 18, 2021.