

(u) *Parks and Recreation.* To establish and maintain public parks, gardens, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities and programs to promote the health, welfare, and enjoyment of the inhabitants of the County.

(v) *Refuse Collection and Disposal.* To require, regulate, or provide for the collection, removal, and disposal of refuse, garbage, rubbish, filth, or any other matter or thing that is or may become injurious to the health or comfort of the inhabitants of the County, and to provide whether the expense, if any, shall be borne by individual owners or tenants or shall be paid for in whole or in part by the County.

(w) *Volunteer Fire Departments.* To contribute funds to volunteer fire departments serving the County.

(x) *Community Services.* To provide, maintain, and operate community and social services for the preservation and promotion of the health, recreation, and welfare of the inhabitants of the County.

(y) *Cooperative Activities.* To make agreements with municipalities, counties, districts, bureaus, commissions, and governmental authorities for the joint performance of or for cooperation in the performance of any governmental functions. To accept gifts and grants of Federal or of State funds from the Federal or State governments or any agency thereof, and to expend the same for any lawful purpose, agreeably to the conditions under which the gifts or grants were made.

(z) *Departments and Offices.* To create, change, or abolish offices and departments and to assign additional functions to offices and departments, but not including the power to create, change, abolish or discontinue any office or department or to transfer any function of an office or department established by the Constitution, public general law or public local law of the County.

(aa) *Licenses.* Subject to any restriction imposed by public general laws, to license and regulate any person who conducts the business of or acts as an itinerant or door-to-door peddler or salesman of goods, wares, merchandise, or subscriptions for magazines and other periodical publications, either by sample or otherwise; to license and regulate public amusements when in the interest of public welfare.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved April 8, 1965.

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CHAPTER 493

(Senate Bill 10)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland by the addition of a new Article 11F thereto, title "Home Rule for Code Counties," to follow immediately after Article 11E, providing an optional system of home rule powers for certain counties