

Regional Commission; the Baltimore Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area being the most populous and industrial in the State, and being served by the Regional Planning Council; and the Washington Suburban region being joined to the District of Columbia by strong economic and social ties, and being served by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and being part of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, the Frederick region has established the Frederick County Council of Governments under Article 25, Section 26A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957), and this Council of Governments has as its purpose the study of area-wide problems and plans, the promotion of cooperative arrangements and coordination among its member governments, and the making of recommendations for review and action to the members and other concerned public agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Frederick County Council of Governments has been recognized as an area-wide planning agency by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and as such meets the planning requirements of the HUD Water and Sewer and Open Space Programs as well as other federal programs for which these requirements are applicable; and

WHEREAS, a regional designation will facilitate planning, program design, and provision of services by State departments and agencies and will allow the State to better coordinate the various programs, funding mechanisms, and administrative structures which serve the Frederick Region; now, therefore,

~~*Be it enacted that Frederick County be hereby designated as a region of the State of Maryland and that it be utilized as such by all State departments and agencies and instrumentalities for purposes of planning, program design, and the provision of services.*~~

SECTION 1. *BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND*, THAT NEW SECTION 221 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY ADDED TO ARTICLE 25 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1966 REPLACEMENT VOLUME AND 1970 SUPPLEMENT), TITLE "COUNTY COMMISSIONERS," TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER SECTION 220 THEREOF, AND TO BE UNDER THE NEW SUBTITLE "FREDERICK COUNTY" AND TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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FREDERICK COUNTY IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS A REGION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, AND IT SHALL BE UTILIZED AS SUCH BY ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved May 17, 1971.