

the law has been violated. A written assurance of discontinuance or settlement agreement shall be signed on behalf of the Board by the Executive Director of the Board.

(3) No person may violate or fail to adhere to any provision contained in a written assurance or agreement of discontinuance or settlement agreement. Any failure by the board to enforce a violation of any provision of a written assurance shall not constitute a waiver of any right of the board or provision of the agreement. A person who violates this section shall be liable for payment to the County of a civil penalty, recoverable in a civil action, not exceeding \$500 for each violation.

(s) Same; legal action. If the Board fails to conciliate a complaint after the parties have, in good faith, attempted a conciliation; or, fails to effect an assurance of discontinuance or settlement agreement; or, determines that a complaint is not susceptible of conciliation, he shall transmit the matter to the County Attorney for appropriate legal action.

(t) Same; other remedies. Nothing in this subtitle shall prevent any person from exercising any right or seeking any remedy to which he might otherwise be entitled or from filing any complaint with any other agency, court of law or equity.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Article 20 - Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland be and it is hereby added to the Annotated Code of Maryland (1973 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

ARTICLE 20 - TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND

1-101. TRI-COUNTY AREA AND TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL.

THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND IS CREATED AS A REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE TRI-COUNTY AREA. THE TRI-COUNTY AREA CONSISTS OF ALL OF CALVERT, CHARLES, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES.

1-102. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN THIS ARTICLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "AREA" MEANS THE REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AREA THAT INCLUDES ALL OF CALVERT, CHARLES, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES.

(C) "COMMISSIONERS" MEANS THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALVERT, CHARLES, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES.