

CHAPTER 861

(House Bill 1571)

AN ACT concerning

Tri-County Council of Western Maryland

FOR the purpose of establishing the Tri-County Council of Western Maryland as an association of local governments and as a regional planning and development agency for the tri-county area of Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties; providing for the status, dissolution, jurisdiction, intergovernmental relations, and legal advisor of the Council; providing that the Council may not be placed in one of the principal departments of State government; providing for certain bylaws and for the membership, chairman, director, staff, terms, and compensation of the Council; providing for the powers, duties, and functions of the Council; establishing the budget and financing of the Council; requiring the Council to provide for a general development plan according to certain objectives; establishing procedures for the adoption of the general development plan; providing for the membership, terms, and compensation of the board; providing for the powers and duties of the board; and generally relating to the Tri-County Council of Western Maryland.

BY adding

New Article 20A - Tri-County Council of Western Maryland
Section 1-101 through ~~3-103~~ 3-102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Article 78A, § 13B of the Code is the legislative authorization for participation by the State of Maryland in the Appalachian Regional Development Program and authorizes the certification of a local development commission; and

WHEREAS, The Tri-County Council of Western Maryland is an out-growth of the Governor's Council for Western Maryland which was created by Executive Order on May 25, 1968 to provide guidance and direction for the Appalachian Regional Program; and

WHEREAS, Articles of incorporation for the Tri-County Council were approved in 1971 chartering the agency to serve Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties; and

WHEREAS, There is an increased need for the Tri-County Council to be an effective and positive force for the resolution of regional problems by the concerted action of the