State budget and the local governments representing the Council; defining certain terms; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to the Tri-County Council of the Lower Eastern Shore.

## BY adding

New Article 20B – Tri–County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland Section 1–101 through 3-103 2-301

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

## ARTICLE 20B - TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE LOWER EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND

## TITLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

1-101.

- (A) IN THIS ARTICLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
- (B) "AREA" MEANS THE REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AREA THAT INCLUDES ALL OF SOMERSET, WICOMICO, AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.
- (C) "<del>COMMISSIONERS</del>" <u>COMMISSIONER</u>" MEANS <u>A MEMBER OF</u> THE <u>BOARD OF</u> COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SOMERSET <del>AND</del> <u>COUNTY OR</u> WORCESTER <del>COUNTIES.</del>
- (D) "COUNCIL MEMBER" MEANS COUNTY OR OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS OF WICOMICO COUNTY.
- $(\underline{E})$   $(\underline{D})$  "COUNCIL" MEANS THE TRI–COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE LOWER EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND.
- $(\mbox{\sc F})$   $(\mbox{\sc E})$  "REGION" MEANS THE AREA THAT INCLUDES ALL OF SOMERSET, WICOMICO, AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

1--102.

- (A) THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE LOWER EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND IS A REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE TRI-COUNTY AREA.
- (B) THE TRI-COUNTY REGION CONSISTS OF ALL OF SOMERSET, WICOMICO, AND WORCESTER COUNTIES.

1-103.

(A) (1) THE COUNCIL IS A TAX-EXEMPT PUBLIC BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC WHICH OPERATES AS A COOPERATIVE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT