

Year 2004, and continuing thereafter, by utilizing any appropriations that may have been provided through the Board of Public Works for this purpose.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any employee, who, as of June 30, 2003, is assigned to the FORVM for Rural Maryland is hereby transferred to the Rural Maryland Council, as established by Section 1 of this Act, effective July 1, 2003, without any change or loss of rights or status.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Act, any transaction affected by or flowing from any statute here amended, repealed, or transferred, and validly entered into before the effective date of this Act and every right, duty, or interest following from it remains valid after the effective date of this Act and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced pursuant to law.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that office furniture, computers, and other equipment, and miscellaneous supplies that were purchased by the FORVM will transfer to the Rural Maryland Council when its offices are relocated from Baltimore to Annapolis. The affected State agencies are also directed to assist the FORVM and Rural Maryland Council with their telecommunications and Internet website needs to insure that services provided to the public are maintained with a minimum level of disruption.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as otherwise provided in this Act, all rules and regulations, proposed rules and regulations, standards and guidelines, proposed standards and guidelines, orders and other directives, forms, plans, memberships, special funds, appropriations, grants, loans, applications and commitments for grants and loans, contracts, properties, investigations, administrative and judicial proceedings, rights to sue and be sued, and all other duties and responsibilities associated with those functions transferred by this Act shall continue in effect until completed, withdrawn, canceled, modified, or otherwise changed pursuant to law.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act, are declared severable.

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

Approved May 13, 2003.

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