

# HOUSE BILL 639

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By: **Delegate D.M. Davis**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland – Property Management – Southern**  
3 **Maryland Regional Agricultural Center**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland to act as a  
5 property manager of the Southern Maryland Regional Agricultural Center; defining  
6 a certain term; and generally relating to the Tri-County Council for Southern  
7 Maryland.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Economic Development  
10 Section 13–601(a) and (c)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Economic Development  
15 Section 13–612  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Economic Development**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 13-601.

2 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (c) "Council" means the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

4 13-612.

5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROPERTY MANAGER" MEANS AN ENTITY  
6 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY,  
7 INCLUDING:

8 (1) FINDING TENANTS;

9 (2) COLLECTING RENT;

10 (3) PAYING EXPENSES AND APPLICABLE TAXES;

11 (4) MAINTAINING UTILITIES AND SYSTEMS; AND

12 (5) TAKING ANY NECESSARY ACTIONS TO MANAGE AND OPERATE  
13 REAL PROPERTY.

14 [(a)] (B) The Council may operate in the region.

15 [(b)] (C) The Council may:

16 (1) adopt a seal;

17 (2) sue;

18 (3) adopt bylaws and rules for the conduct of its business;

19 (4) enter into contracts and agreements;

20 (5) borrow money and accept advances, loans, grants, contributions, and  
21 any other form of assistance from the federal government, the State, or other public or  
22 private source;

23 (6) give any required security;

24 (7) include in any contract for financial assistance with the federal  
25 government any reasonable and appropriate condition imposed under federal law that is  
26 not inconsistent with the purposes of this subtitle; [and]

27 (8) execute any instrument and act as necessary, convenient, or desirable

1 to carry out its powers and the purposes of this subtitle; AND

2                   **(9) ACT AS A PROPERTY MANAGER OF THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND**  
3 **REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL CENTER OWNED BY AND LOCATED WITHIN ST. MARY'S**  
4 **COUNTY.**

5           **[(c)] (D)**       The Council shall publish its rules.

6           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
7 1, 2021.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.