

Chapter 276

**(Senate Bill 51)**

AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

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

**Article – Economic Development**

13-601.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (c) “Council” means the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland.

13-612.

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROPERTY MANAGER” MEANS AN ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING:**

- (1) FINDING TENANTS;**
- (2) COLLECTING RENT;**

**(3) PAYING EXPENSES AND APPLICABLE TAXES;**

**(4) MAINTAINING UTILITIES AND SYSTEMS; AND**

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

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

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

(1) adopt a seal;

(2) sue;

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

(4) enter into contracts and agreements;

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

(6) give any required security;

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

(8) execute any instrument and act as necessary, convenient, or desirable to carry out its powers and the purposes of this subtitle; **AND**

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

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 18, 2021.**