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House Bill 359 (St. Mary's County Delegation)
Environment and Transportation

St. Mary's County - Building Authority Commission - Repeal

This bill abolishes the St. Mary's County Building Authority Commission and repeals provisions of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County pertaining to the commission.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect St. Mary's County operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 475 of 1983 created the St. Mary's County Building Authority Commission. The commission's purpose is:

- (1) to acquire and take title to real property within the county;
- (2) to acquire, construct, reconstruct, renovate, rehabilitate, expand or equip improvement on real property owned by the commission;
- (3) to lease real property and improvements thereon to the State, the county, or any agency or instrumentality of either or any nonprofit corporation; and

- (4) to finance or refinance the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, rehabilitation, expansion, equipping or leasing of such real property and improvements thereon by the issuance and sale of limited obligation bonds.

Background: The St. Mary's County Building Authority Commission was created as an instrument of St. Mary's County to acquire title to property within the county for construction, renovation, and rehabilitation. The commission was used to acquire properties for the St. Mary's Nursing Center, Inc. and the Carter State Office Building. However, the commission transferred ownership of these properties to other entities in recent years and does not currently own or lease any property. The commission's only current expense is its share of the cost of the annual audit required for all component units of the county's government.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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