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Effective Date \_\_\_\_\_

## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2022 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 5

### Bill No. 16-2022

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT establishing an Opioid Abatement Special Revenue Fund as a special, nonlapsing revenue fund, also known as a Local Abatement Fund, as provided in the State-Subdivision Agreement between the State of Maryland and Local Governments on Proceeds relating to the Settlement of Opioids Litigation; specifying the purposes, permitted uses, and nature of the fund; and generally related to finance, taxation, and budget.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2022. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 at \_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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Calvin Ball, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **Section 1. Be It Enacted** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the  
2 Howard County Code is amended as follows:

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4 *By adding:*

- 5 1. *Title 20 “Taxes, charges and fees”*  
6 *Subtitle 14 “Opioid Abatement Special Revenue Fund”*

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8 **Title 20. Taxes, Charges and Fees.**

9 **SUBTITLE 14. OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND.**

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11 **SECTION 20.1400. FUND ESTABLISHED; PURPOSE.**

- 12 (A) *FUND ESTABLISHED.* THERE IS AN OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND,  
13 ALSO KNOWN AS A LOCAL ABATEMENT FUND, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE-  
14 SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND LOCAL  
15 GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF OPIOIDS  
16 LITIGATION.
- 17 (B) *PURPOSES.* THE PURPOSE OF THE OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND IS  
18 TO RECEIVE AND SPEND PAYMENTS MADE TO THE COUNTY BY THE SETTLEMENT  
19 ADMINISTRATOR TO THE COUNTY UNDER THE NATIONAL SETTLEMENT  
20 AGREEMENT AND THE STATE-SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF  
21 MARYLAND AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE  
22 SETTLEMENT OF OPIOIDS LITIGATION. THE OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL  
23 REVENUE FUND SHALL ALSO CONSIST OF INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND.  
24 EXPENDITURES FROM THE OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND MAY BE  
25 MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTY BUDGET.
- 26 (C) *PERMITTED USES.* THE REVENUE PAID INTO THE OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL  
27 REVENUE FUND SHALL BE USED AS PERMITTED BY THE NATIONAL SETTLEMENT  
28 AGREEMENT, SECTION 7-331(F) OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT  
29 ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND THE STATE-SUBDIVISION  
30 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON

1 PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF OPIOIDS LITIGATION, AS MAY BE  
2 AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME.

3 (D) *SPECIAL, NONLAPSING REVENUE FUND.* THE OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL REVENUE  
4 FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING REVENUE FUND AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE-  
5 SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND LOCAL  
6 GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF OPIOIDS  
7 LITIGATION.

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9 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County,  
10 *Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*