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Effective Date 06.06.2022

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.

Introduced and read first time Mar 7, 2022. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.
By order Michelle Harrod
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 Mar 21, 2022.
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This Bill was read the third time on Apr 4, 2022 and Passed , Passed with amendments , Failed .
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Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 5 day of April, 2022 at 1⁰⁰ p.m.
a.m./p.m.

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Michelle Harrod, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive April 6, 2022

Calvin Ball
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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
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21 MARYLAND AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE
22 SETTLEMENT OF OPIOIDS LITIGATION, OR PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER OPIOID
23 LITIGATION SETTLEMENT BY THE COUNTY. THE OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL
24 REVENUE FUND SHALL ALSO CONSIST OF INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND.
25 EXPENDITURES FROM THE OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND MAY BE
26 MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNTY BUDGET.

27 (C) *PERMITTED USES.* THE REVENUE PAID INTO THE OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL
28 REVENUE FUND SHALL BE USED AS PERMITTED BY THE NATIONAL SETTLEMENT
29 AGREEMENT, SECTION 7-331(F) OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT
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31 AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ON

1 PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF OPIOIDS LITIGATION, OR ANY OTHER
2 OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT BY THE COUNTY,AS MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME
3 TO TIME.

4 (D) *SPECIAL, NONLAPSING REVENUE FUND.* THE OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL REVENUE
5 FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING REVENUE FUND AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE-
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10 ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted by the County Council of Howard County,***
11 *Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*

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BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, stands enacted on

April 6, 2022

Michelle Harrod
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been passed by the yeas and nays of two-thirds of the members of the Council notwithstanding the objections of the Executive, stands enacted on _____, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having received neither the approval nor the disapproval of the Executive within ten days of its presentation, stands enacted on _____, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, not having been considered on final reading within the time required by Charter, stands failed for want of consideration on _____, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been disapproved by the Executive and having failed on passage upon consideration by the Council stands failed on _____, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, the withdrawal of which received a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council, is withdrawn from further consideration on _____, 2022.

Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council