

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND

LEGISLATIVE BILL #2021-1

INTRODUCED BY: COMMISSIONERS FRANKLIN AND LEVENGOOD

INTRODUCED ON: JUNE 8, 2021

ATTEST:


DANIEL J. FRANKLIN, VICE PRESIDENT

PUBLIC HEARING: JUNE 22, 2021 BEGINNING AT 9:15 AM
COURTHOUSE, 109 MARKET STREET, ROOM 106,
DENTON, MARYLAND

THIRD READING:

ENACTED:

EFFECTIVE:

Chapter 21 – Law Enforcement – Mutual Aid Agreements – Eastern Shore Counties

AN Act concerning law enforcement mutual aid agreements;

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Caroline County and the Sheriff of Caroline County to enter into a law enforcement mutual aid agreement with the County Executive, County Council, and Sheriff of Wicomico County; the County Commissioners and Sheriff of Somerset County; the County Commissioners and Sheriff of Worcester County; the County Council and Sheriff of Dorchester County; the County Council and Sheriff of Talbot County; the County Commissioners and Sheriff of Queen Anne’s County; the County Commissioners and Sheriff of Kent County; and the County Executive, County Council, and Sheriff of Cecil County;

BY adding a new § 21-6.C. to the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County, Maryland.

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Caroline County, Maryland (the "County Commissioners") are authorized under Article XI-F of the Maryland Constitution and § 9-308 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Local Government Article") to adopt public local laws in general;

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners are specifically authorized by § 2-105 of the Criminal Procedure Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Criminal Procedure Article") to determine the circumstances under which the police officers and other officers, agents, and employees of Caroline County (the "County"), together with all necessary equipment, may

lawfully go or be sent beyond the boundaries of the County to any place within or outside the State and to make reciprocal agreements to establish and carry out a plan to provide mutual aid in furtherance of this authority;

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners have determined this Bill is necessary and appropriate to protect and improve the general health, safety, and welfare of the County and its residents;

WHEREAS, this Bill may also be known by its short title “Chapter 21 – Law Enforcement – Mutual Aid Agreements – Eastern Shore Counties.”

NOW, THEREFORE, be it enacted by the County Commissioners of Caroline County, Maryland, that:

SECTION 1. Chapter 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County is hereby amended as follows.

Chapter 21. Law Enforcement

Article I. Mutual Aid Agreements.

§ 21-6. Mutual Aid Agreements Authorized.

- A. The Regional Law Enforcement Compact Among and Between the Town of Denton, the Town of Ridgely, the Town of Federalsburg, the Town of Greensboro, the Town of Preston, and the Caroline County Sheriff's Office of Caroline County, Maryland is attached hereto, incorporated herein, and is hereby adopted as presented and as may be modified time to time pursuant to the Annual Review required by Paragraph 13 of the Agreement.
- B. The Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement Among and Between the County Commissioners of Caroline County, Maryland, the Sheriff of Caroline County, Maryland, and the Mayor and Town Council of Easton, on behalf of the Easton Police Department is attached hereto, incorporated herein, and is hereby adopted as presented and as may be modified time to time pursuant to the Annual Review required by Section 4 (I) of the Agreement.
- C. **THE LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AMONG AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND, THE SHERIFF OF CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND; THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY COUNCIL, AND SHERIFF OF WICOMICO COUNTY; THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND SHERIFF OF SOMERSET COUNTY; THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND SHERIFF OF WORCESTER COUNTY; THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND SHERIFF OF DORCHESTER COUNTY; THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND SHERIFF OF TALBOT COUNTY; THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND SHERIFF OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY; THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND SHERIFF OF KENT**

COUNTY; AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY COUNCIL, AND SHERIFF OF CECIL COUNTY IS ATTACHED HERETO, INCORPORATED HEREIN, AND IS HEREBY ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

SECTION 2. Matter added is shown in **BOLD CAPITALIZATION**.

SECTION 3. The Recitals to this Bill are incorporated herein and deemed a substantive part of this Bill.

SECTION 4. The provisions of this Bill are declared to be severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Bill is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or competent jurisdiction, the same shall be deemed separate, distinct, and independent from, and such holding shall not affect the validity of, the remaining portions of this Bill, it being the intent of the County that this Bill shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion hereof.

SECTION 5. The Publishers of the Code of Public Local Laws of Caroline County, Maryland (the "Code") in consultation with and subject to the approval of the County shall make non-substantive corrections to codification, style, capitalization, punctuation, grammar, spelling, organization, and any internal or external reference or citations to the Code that is incorrect or obsolete, with no further action required by the County Commissioners. All such corrections shall be adequately referenced and described in the editor's note following the section affected.

SECTION 6. The title of this Bill, or a condensed version thereof, shall be deemed to be, and is, a fair summary of this Bill for publication and all other purposes.

SECTION 7. This Bill shall take effect on _____, 2021.

Enacted this _____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Jennifer Farina, Administrative Coordinator

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(SEAL)

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