

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND
LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAY 2024-16**

BILL NO. 2024-21

Title of Bill: Establishment – Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund

Synopsis: A Bill to add a new Section 45-4, the Cecil County Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund, to Chapter 45, Finance and Taxation, of the Cecil County Code, as amended; to create a Fund for receipt of revenue from the State of Maryland pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland Acholic Beverages Article §1-322 and used for purposes outlined therein.; and generally related to finance and taxation.

Introduced by: Council President at the request of the County Executive

Introduced, read first time and ordered posted on: September 3, 2024

Public hearing scheduled for: October 1, 2024 at: 7:00 p.m.

Consideration scheduled on: October 15, 2024

By: _____
Council Manager

Public Hearing

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill have been posted by September 3, 2024 at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and having been published according to the Charter on September 18, 2024 and September 25, 2024, a public hearing was held on October 1, 2024, and concluded on October 1, 2024.

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1 **WHEREAS**, the Maryland General Assembly enacted the Cannabis Reform Act of 2023 (the “Act”)
2 that established the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund (the “Fund”), which allocates a portion of
3 tax revenue generated from adult-use cannabis sales to local jurisdictions; and,

4 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Fund is to support community-based initiatives that benefit low-
5 income communities and communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the enforcement of
6 cannabis prohibition; and,

7 **WHEREAS**, the Act requires each jurisdiction that desires an allocation of a portion of State cannabis
8 tax revenues to adopt a law establishing the purpose for which money received from the Fund may be
9 used.

10 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY,**
11 **MARYLAND**, as follows:

12 Section 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Cecil County, Maryland that a new Section 45-4,
13 Cecil County Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund be added to Chapter 45, Finance and Taxation, of
14 the Cecil County Code, as amended, to read as follows:

15 **Chapter 45. Finance and Taxation**

16 **Section 45-4. CECIL COUNTY COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AND REPAIR FUND**

17 **§45-4. CECIL COUNTY COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AND REPAIR FUND**

- 18 A. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1-322 OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CANNABIS ARTICLE OF
19 THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, THE COUNTY HEREBY ESTABLISHES A COMMUNITY
20 REINVESTMENT AND REPAIR FUND (THE “FUND”).
- 21 B. THE FUND CONSISTS OF A PORTION OF THE STATE TAX REVENUES GENERATED FROM ADULT-USE
22 CANNABIS SALES.
- 23 C. THE FUND WILL ONLY BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ALCOHOLIC
24 BEVERAGES AND CANNABIS ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND OTHER
25 APPLICABLE STATE LAW AND REGULATION.
- 26 D. MONEY MAY NOT BE EXPENDED FROM THE FUND FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OR
27 ACTIVITIES.
- 28 E. MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND MAY NOT SUPPLANT FUNDING
29 THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR PREEXISTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS
30 THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2023.

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31 Section 2. And be it further enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the
32 date it becomes law.

33 **AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date that it
34 becomes law.

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

BY: Council Manager