

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

2008 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No.: February 26, 2008

Bill No.: 1115

Expiration Date: May 1, 2008

Introduced by: Mr. Harrison

A BILL TO AMEND BILL 714 DETAILING THE MEMBERSHIP PROFILE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF TOURISM AND TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD MEMBERS AT MEETINGS

By the Council: February 26, 2008

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted, and public hearing scheduled on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

By Order _____
Susan W. Moran, Secretary

A BILL TO AMEND BILL 714 DETAILING THE MEMBERSHIP PROFILE OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF TOURISM AND TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD MEMBERS AT MEETINGS

SECTION ONE: BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND, that Bill No. 714, entitled, "AN ACT TO CREATE THE TALBOT COUNTY BOARD OF TOURISM, TO DEFINE ITS COMPOSITION, OFFICERS AND MEMBERSHIP, INCLUDING THEIR TERMS AND COMPENSATION, TO DEFINE ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, TO CREATE A POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF TOURISM, AND TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR BUDGETING AND DISBURSING FUNDS," be amended as follows:

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Boldface	Heading or defined term.
<u>Underlining</u>	Added to existing law.
Strikethrough	Deleted from existing law.
* * *	Existing law unaffected.

§ 9A-2 Members, Composition, Terms, Compensation, Officers.

The Talbot County Board of Tourism shall consist of ~~eleven (11)~~twelve (12) members who shall be residents of the County and one (1) member from the County Council. The Board shall annually select a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman from its membership, and shall adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings. Members of the Board shall receive no compensation for their services. The Council member shall serve for his or her term of office. The appointed members and their successors shall be selected as follows: one (1) member each from the Town of St. Michaels, the Town of Easton, the Town of Oxford, Tilghman Island, and the Bay Hundred District; one (1) member from each of the following tourist industries: bed & breakfast, food & beverage, the hotel/motel industry, ~~and the not for profit sector;~~ and the short-term rental market; two (2) Countywide Cultural Attraction members; and ~~two (2)~~ one (1) members for the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce, as nominated by those respective bodies and appointed by the Council. For the first terms, which shall commence on July 1, 1999, the appointments shall be as follows: the Town of Easton, the Town of Oxford, and the hotel/motel industry, one (1) year; ~~one member for~~ the Chamber of Commerce, the Town of St. Michaels, the bed & breakfast industry, two (2) years; the food & beverage industry, the Bay Hundred District, and the ~~not for profit sector~~ Countywide Cultural Attraction members, three (3) years; and ~~the second member of the Chamber of Commerce and~~ Tilghman Island, four (4) years. Thereafter, as each appointment expires, the new appointment shall be for a term of four (4) years or until a successor is appointed, to commence from the first day of July of the year in which it was made. Vacancies occurring prior to expiration of a term shall be filled in the same manner as an original appointment for the unexpired term.

§ 9A-3 Duties and Functions of Board.

The Board shall develop policies, plans, goals, objectives, and programs for the promotion and management of tourism and travel related businesses and services in Talbot County. It shall encourage development of cooperative programs among the various municipalities, organization and segments of the tourism industry throughout the County, including the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce, the Talbot County Economic Development Commission, and federal, state, and local agencies, boards, departments and commissions, and shall act as a clearinghouse for coordination of ongoing programs. It shall act as an advisory and consultive body to the Council regarding policy, planning, and funding issues affecting tourism. To the extent appropriated by the County Council in the annual budget, it shall have general oversight and control over the disbursement of County funds designated for tourism. Subject to applicable laws and regulations, it shall have authority to apply for and obtain public funding from federal, state, and local sources, and authority to receive and manage privately general funds. The Board shall meet as necessary, but no less than quarterly. Board members are expected to attend all meetings and non-participation in two (2) consecutive meetings will be reviewed by the Board. The review can result in a recommendation to the Talbot County Council to remove the non-participating member and reappoint another representative to fill the vacant Board seat. All meetings shall be open to the public unless applicable Maryland law permits an executive or closed session. The Board shall report its activities to the Council no less than annually and at such other times as may be requested by the County Manager or the County Council.

SECTION TWO: BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days from the date of its passage.

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time and place of hearing and Title of Bill No. 1115 having been published, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room, Talbot County Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, Maryland 21601.

BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

ENACTED: **March 25, 2008**

By Order _____
Secretary

Foster - Aye
Pack - Aye
Duncan - Aye (via ballot)
Bartlett - Aye
Harrison - Aye