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*1 Re: Marlboro County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

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Deal Mr. Collins:

In 1973, Act No. 730 created the Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Marlboro and Chesterfield Counties. In 1981, Marlboro County by ordinance established the Marlboro County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. This action appears to be permitted by § 3 of Act No. 283 of 1975 which provides that county councils may enact ordinances in conflict with existing laws relating to their respective counties.

You have asked whether this ordinance constitutes merely a change in name of the Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for Marlboro and Chesterifield Counties. While the functions of the two agencies are probably quite similar except for the exclusion of Chesterfield County from the new agency, the Marlboro Commission is actually a separate agency created by a different means and with a different method of electing its commissioners. I would therefore recommend that it be treated as a different entity, and if the other Commission has ceased to exist or ceased to operate, that its reporting number be discontinued. Sincerely yours,

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