

(5) facilitating greater utilization of the State's Innovative Idea Award Program and the Incentive Performance Awards Program for all State employees, as predicated on the understanding that some of the most cost-effective ideas stem from within the organization itself;

(6) increasing reliance on the State's public/private higher education academic community for research, problem solving, and related assistance as a viable alternative to costly consultant studies; and

(7) developing ways by which selected State programs and services can become fiscally self-sufficient through nondependence on General Fund support; and

WHEREAS, The Efficiency 2000 Commission will terminate its existence under this Act on June 30, 2000 after having helped Maryland through the fiscal uncertainties and difficulties of the 1990's; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - State Government

SUBTITLE 18. EFFICIENCY 2000 COMMISSION

9-1801.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE EFFICIENCY 2000 COMMISSION.

(C) (1) "GOVERNMENTAL UNIT" MEANS A PERMANENT INSTRUMENTALITY IN THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, OR JUDICIAL BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

(2) "GOVERNMENTAL UNIT" INCLUDES A DEPARTMENT, BOARD, COMMISSION, AGENCY, OR A SUBUNIT IN THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, OR JUDICIAL BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND THOSE COUNTY-FUNDED STATE ENTITIES SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 24, § 8-101 OF THE CODE.

9-1802.

(A) THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION TO EXERCISE REGULATORY AUTHORITY.

(B) CONSISTENT WITH ITS ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING OBLIGATIONS UNDER §§ 9-1810 AND 9-1812 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION IS ADVISORY ONLY.

9-1803.

(A) THERE IS AN EFFICIENCY 2000 COMMISSION.

(B) THE COMMISSION IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT IN THE STATE GOVERNMENT.