of the initial members of the Board of Trustees; and generally relating to the Maryland Venture Capital Trust.

## BY adding to

Article 83A - Department of Economic and Employment Development

Section 5-1A-01 through 5-1A-07 5-1A-09, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 1A. Maryland Venture Capital Trust"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1988 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

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

## Article 83A - Department of Economic and Employment Development

SUBTITLE 1A. MARYLAND VENTURE CAPITAL TRUST

5-1A-01.

- (A) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
- (B) "PARTICIPATING INVESTORS" MEANS ANY PERSONS OR LEGAL ENTITIES WHICH INVEST MONEY IN THE MARYLAND VENTURE CAPITAL TRUST.
- (C) "SEED CAPITAL FINANCING" MEANS FINANCING PROVIDED TO A BUSINESS ENTERPRISE IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF ITS DEVELOPMENT AND INCLUDES FINANCING TO FINISH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF A PRODUCT, DEVELOP MARKETING PLANS, AND PROVIDE FOR INITIAL FACILITIES, INVENTORY, AND WORKING CAPITAL FOR THE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.
  - (D) "TRUST" MEANS THE MARYLAND VENTURE CAPITAL TRUST.
- (E) "VENTURE CAPITAL FUND" MEANS AN INVESTMENT FUND PROVIDING CAPITAL TO A BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AT ANY STAGE OF ITS DEVELOPMENT BEFORE ANY PUBLIC OFFERING OF STOCK.

5-1A-02.

THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO EFFECT ITS PURPOSES.

5-1A-03.

(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT: