

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 226 to 228, inclusive, AND 227 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", sub-title "Department of Information", be and they are hereby repealed.*

2. *And be it further enacted, That new Sections 257 to 266, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to said Article, said new sections to follow immediately after Section 256 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Department of Economic Development", and all to read as follows:*

*Department of Economic Development*

257. *The Department of Economic Development is hereby created for the general purpose of advancing the economic welfare of the people through programs and activities to develop in a proper manner the State's natural resources and industrial ECONOMIC opportunities pertaining to commerce, agriculture, mining, forestry, transportation, TRAVEL, TOURISM, and recreation, and to promote and encourage the location of new industries and businesses in the State of Maryland and other matters intended to foster and develop gainful employment and the pursuit of happiness of all who now are or who may hereafter be residents of this State.*

258. *To carry out fully and effectively all the provisions of this sub-title, the powers and duties of the Department of Economic Development shall vest in and be exercised by a State Commission of economic development, to consist of ~~seven~~ TWELVE members who shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.*

*The members shall represent a cross section of the economic and geographic GEOGRAPHIC composition of the State, and shall be selected because of their known experience and interest in the development of natural resources and industrial AND TOURIST opportunities from the following areas of the State:*

1. *Three members from Baltimore City, and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard Counties, at least one of whom shall represent Baltimore City, and at least one of whom shall not represent Baltimore City;*

2. *One member from the Eastern Shore;*

3. *One member from Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties;*

4. *One member from Allegany, Frederick, Garrett and Washington Counties; and*

5. *One member from Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.*

TWO MEMBERS FROM THE COUNTIES COMPRISING THE EASTERN SHORE; TWO MEMBERS FROM THE COUNTIES COMPRISING SOUTHERN MARYLAND; TWO MEMBERS FROM THE COUNTIES COMPRISING CENTRAL MARYLAND; TWO MEMBERS FROM THE COUNTIES COMPRISING WESTERN MARYLAND; TWO MEMBERS FROM BALTIMORE CITY; AND TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED FROM THE STATE AT LARGE.