

account for over 40 percent of the State's gross product and over 50 percent of its jobs; and

WHEREAS, The small businessman finds it more and more difficult to stay in business with taxes levied at every level of government, increasing responsibilities for employees and consumers, and the ever increasing flood of forms and licenses required by State and local government; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that the small businessman in Maryland fills out between 15 and 20 forms a year for the State government; and

WHEREAS, The federal government requires an estimated 50 additional forms per year from the small businessman; and

WHEREAS, It is important for the State to give recognition to this large segment of the Maryland economy since small businesses are not represented at the State level by any agency, board, or commission; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a Small Business Task Force for the purpose of studying the relationship between small businesses and State and local governments, including but not limited to regulations and licensing requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Small Business Task Force shall be composed of seven members representing small businesses, four of which will be appointed by the Governor including the chairman, and three to be appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Small Business Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly in the first week of the 1978 session; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor and the Mayor of Baltimore City.

Approved May 17, 1977.