

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1978 Replacement Volume and 1979 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, By Chapter 593 of the Acts of 1978, the General Assembly created the Office of Minority Business Enterprise within the Department of Economic and Community Development; and

WHEREAS, There is an Office of Minority Affairs in the Executive Department to which the Governor has assigned numerous duties and functions relating to minority affairs and promoting equality among the citizens and communities of this State; and

WHEREAS, The broad functions of this Office of Minority Affairs include providing assistance relating to minority affairs to the citizens of this State, representing the Governor in matters relating to minority affairs and generally in matters relating to promoting the equality of citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable to consolidate and better coordinate the activities of these offices and to define their combined mandate; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDERED BY THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 24, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, That:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and
Administrative Departments

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(a) The following agencies, boards, commissions, councils, corporations, authorities, trusts, and divisions shall be included within the Department of Economic and Community Development:

[(17) Office of Minority Business Enterprise]

[483.

(a) The following terms have the meanings indicated:

(1) "Disadvantaged person" means those persons who have been deprived of the opportunity to develop and maintain a competitive position in the economy because of social or economic disadvantage.

(2) "Minority business enterprise" means a business, at least 50 percent of which is owned by minority persons, or in the case of publicly owned businesses, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned by minority persons.