

WHEREAS, State trade development problems should focus on the growing importance of exports to economic development, sales, jobs, and taxes; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly's Jobs Initiative Task Force has recommended that the State Department of Economic and Community Development more aggressively promote export trading; and

WHEREAS, Trade activities must be integrated with the overall economic development strategy of the State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Governor is requested to establish a Commission to study how to develop a State and private cooperative effort to improve world trade efforts in Maryland and to evaluate the appropriate role of the State of Maryland under the Export Trading Act of 1982 in regard to the creation, financing, and servicing of potential export trading companies and associations in our State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission be composed of the following 12 members:

- (1) 1 representative each from the House and Senate;
- (2) 1 representative from the State Department of Economic and Community Development;
- (3) 1 representative from the State Port Authority;
- (4) 1 representative from the State Aviation Administration;
- (5) 1 citizen representing the International Commercial Law Division of the Maryland State Bar Association;
- (6) 1 citizen representing the Baltimore-Washington Air Cargo Association;
- (7) 1 citizen representing the Maryland International Trade Association;
- (8) 1 citizen representing the Southern Maryland International Trade Association;
- (9) 1 citizen representing Steamship Agents;
- (10) 1 citizen representing the Maryland Chamber of Commerce; and
- (11) 1 citizen representing the Maryland Bankers' Association; and be it further