## CHAPTER 389

(House Bill 1280)

AN ACT concerning

## Aid to Service-Disabled Veterans and Military Reservists or National Guard Personnel Called to Active Duty

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development, subject to the availability of funds and in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to establish a program to provide no-interest loans for certain purposes to certain service-disabled veterans and certain businesses owned by or employing military reservists or National Guard personnel called to active duty; requiring the Department of Business and Economic Development to administer the loans; requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish certain eligibility and priority criteria for the loan program; limiting the period during which certain loans may be made; requiring and authorizing the adoption of certain regulations to carry out this Act; allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain compensation paid to certain employees hired to replace military reservists or National Guard personnel called to active duty under certain circumstances; providing that certain excess credit may be carried forward and used in certain taxable years under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to benefits for service-disabled veterans and businesses owned by or employing military reservists and National Guard personnel called to active duty.

## BY adding to

Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development

Section 6–901 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 9. Military Reservists and Service–Related No–Interest Loan Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

## BY adding to

Article Tax General

Section 10-726

**Annotated-Code of Maryland** 

(2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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