

(2) PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT WITH A WRITTEN STATEMENT THAT STATES THAT THE PROPOSED LAND USE CONFORMS WITH ALL APPLICABLE COUNTY ZONING AND LAND USE REQUIREMENTS.

[(c)] (D) In the absence of any of these findings, a permit shall be granted. However, no permit becomes effective until the applicant has deposited with the Department an acceptable performance bond or other security pursuant to § 15-823 of this subtitle.

[(d)] (E) Public notice, informational hearings, and contested case hearings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of § 5-204 of this article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved April 26, 2005.

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**CHAPTER 228**

**(House Bill 674)**

AN ACT concerning

**Economic Development - Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority**

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of certain loan guarantees from the Contract Financing Fund by the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority; altering certain limitations on certain guarantees of sureties by and on certain bonds of the Authority under the Small Business Surety Bond Program; altering the scope of businesses that the Authority may assist under the Equity Participation Investment Program; establishing and altering certain limitations for investments by the Authority under that Program; authorizing the Department of Business and Employment Development to renew, extend, and modify certain contracts for the administration of certain programs of the Authority; providing for the payment of certain recoveries of investments and grant payments from the Enterprise Fund into certain funds of the Authority in a certain manner; and generally relating to the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development  
Section 5-502(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2003 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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