

(5) (3) make recommendations regarding the designation of either the Department of Business and Economic Development or the Department of Veterans Affairs as the State agency to implement an initiative to assist disabled veterans establishing small businesses.

(g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, on or before December 1, 2005.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Veterans Affairs shall publicize on the State and local levels that a disabled veteran may qualify for:

(a) the Small Business Preference Program if the disabled veteran's business satisfies the requirements under Title 14, Subtitle 2 of the State Finance and Procurement Article;

(b) certification as a minority business enterprise if the disabled veteran:

(1) is a physically or mentally disabled individual as defined by § 14-301(i)(1)(i)5 of the State Finance and Procurement Article; and

(2) satisfies the minority business enterprise requirements under Title 14, Subtitle 3 of the State Finance and Procurement Article; or

(c) the Small Business Reserve Program if the disabled veteran's business satisfies the requirements under Title 14, Subtitle 5 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

SECTION 2. 3. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect ~~October 1, 2005.~~ July 1, 2005. Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 1 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

May 26, 2005

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 235 – *Property Tax – Valuation – Low Income Housing Tax Credit Projects*.

This bill creates a subclass of real property for property tax assessment purposes and requires a supervisor valuing commercial real property to consider the impact of rent