

Department of Economic and Community Development; providing that the Trade Policy Council shall consist of a certain membership, with certain terms and duties; ~~providing--that the--Trade--Policy--Council--shall--not--be--subject--to--certain laws~~; providing a certain termination date for the existence of the Trade Policy Council; establishing certain powers and duties of the Office on International Trade; providing for the funding and personnel of the Office; imposing certain reporting requirements; and generally relating to the implementation of a comprehensive State international trade program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments
Section 257D(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative
Departments
Section 264 and 265
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Maryland is blessed with a diversity of resources to conduct international trade including the Port of Baltimore, a major international airport, efficient highway networks, diverse manufacturing, service, and agricultural sectors and proximity to Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, Increased international trade can reasonably be expected to produce more jobs, greater wealth, and an improved quality of life for the citizens of this State;

WHEREAS, Participation in international trade facilitates political cooperation among nations, cultural enrichment, and educational and technological advancement; and

WHEREAS, By Senate Joint Resolution 30 and House Joint Resolution 47 of the 1983 Session, the General Assembly requested, and the Governor appointed, a World Trade Efforts Commission to study the means to develop a State and private cooperative effort to improve world trade efforts in Maryland;

WHEREAS, During the 1984 interim, the Joint Committee on Federal Relations of the General Assembly examined the State's role in export trade;