

WHEREAS, The Governor requested the Secretaries of Economic and Community Development, Agriculture, and Transportation to comprehensively review existing State programs and coordinating mechanisms and to make recommendations for improvement designed to make Maryland a leader among the States in the development of international trade;

WHEREAS, The World Trade Efforts Commission, the Joint Committee on Federal Relations, and the Executive Branch agencies have recommended the establishment of a State Trade Policy Council and the creation of an Office of International Trade within the Department of Economic and Community Development to focus State policy decision making and technical assistance in the area of international trade;

WHEREAS, The Governor has issued an Executive Order to promote coordinated decision making within the Departments of Economic and Community Development, Transportation, and Agriculture in areas that affect State international trade activities and programs; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly intends that an international trade program be undertaken by the State that increases existing trading relationships and encourages the development of new relationships, including those with third world countries;

WHEREAS, The Governor, to implement the recommendations of the World Trade Efforts Commission, the Joint Committee on Federal Relations, Executive Branch Cabinet Secretaries, and the private sector has presented at the 1985 Session of the General Assembly a comprehensive program to improve Maryland's international trade efforts for the well-being of the citizens of this State; now, therefore,

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

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(a) The following agencies, boards, commissions, councils, corporations, authorities, trusts, and divisions shall be included within the Department of Economic and Community Development:

- (1) The Maryland membership unit of the Appalachian Regional Commission;
- (2) Development Credit Corporation of Maryland;
- (3) Division of Economic Development;