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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;

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