

Development, subject to the authority of the Secretary of Economic and Community Development as set forth in this Code.]

(B) The Division of [Economic] BUSINESS Development of the Department [of Economic and Community Development] shall have the general purpose of advancing the economic welfare of the people through programs and activities to develop in a proper manner the State's natural resources and economic opportunities and to promote and encourage the location of new industries and businesses in the State of Maryland as well as encouraging the expansion of existing industries and other matters intended to foster and develop gainful employment and the pursuit of happiness of all who now are or who may hereafter be residents of this State.

[11-202.] 2-102.

The Secretary [of Economic and Community Development], with the approval of the Governor, shall appoint a Director of the Division of [Economic] BUSINESS Development. The position of Director shall hold office at the Secretary's pleasure. He may be removed by the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development], with the approval of the Governor. Any such removal by the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development] is final and is not subject to any appeal. The Director shall be selected because of his known experience and interest in the development of natural resources and industrial AND BUSINESS opportunities. The Director shall operate this Division under the direction of the Secretary [of Economic and Community Development] in accordance with the provisions of the law relating to establishment of the Department [of Economic and Community Development].

[11-203.] 2-103.

The Division shall:

(1) Investigate and assemble information pertinent to the economic development, industrial opportunities and economic resources of the State, including raw materials, power and water resources, transportation facilities, markets, labor, banking and financing facilities, industrial sites and other fields of research[.];

(2) Encourage location of new industrial enterprises in the State and the retention and expansion of present enterprises in coordination with local governing bodies and local economic development agencies[.];

(3) Coordinate its activities with those of the Division of [Tourist Development] TOURISM AND PROMOTION in the promotion of tourism in the State[.];