

(III) SERVE AS A GENERAL ADVOCATE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES; AND

(IV) REVIEW THE PROGRESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF EACH CENTER'S PROGRAM AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE CRITERIA AND SELECTION OF CONTRACTORS.

(5) EACH MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION BUT SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS.

(e) (F) The Department shall provide assistance to small businesses, including:

(1) Operation of an information exchange covering current and new technical information and data concerning business investment and marketing trends in this State, management techniques, technological assistance, administrative methods, production techniques, product developments, federal and State legislation and regulations affecting small business, and any other news or information helpful to small businesses; and

(2) Individual consultation and technical assistance to any small business that requests the service. The consultation and assistance may include procurement of investment capital, management, administration, production, product marketing, compliance with governmental regulations, and business expansion, renovation, and diversification.

Chapter 725 of the Acts of 1986

-f-SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act creating the Maryland Small Business Extension Service Center Program, and any regulations adopted under this Act, shall be void and of no effect after July 1, 1990 1995.-f-

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the regions specified in § 5-202(a)(2)(v) shall be contingent upon the appropriate ruling by the Federal Small Business Administration placing Montgomery and Prince George's counties under the Maryland Small Business Development Center Program. Until that date, Frederick County will remain in the Western region.

SECTION -2- 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1989.

Approved May 19, 1989.