

WHEREAS, The State's best chance to ensure a growing, prosperous future for Maryland is to be committed to fostering world-class, technology-driven manufacturing industries; and

WHEREAS, The creation of a statutory advisory committee is necessary to provide long-term, consistent direction to the State in its effort to assist existing and emerging manufacturers; now, therefore,

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

Article 83A - Department of Economic and Employment Development

**SUBTITLE 6. MARYLAND ADVISORY COMMISSION ON MANUFACTURING
COMPETITIVENESS**

5-601.

IN THIS SUBTITLE THE WORD "COMMISSION" MEANS THE MARYLAND ADVISORY COMMISSION ON MANUFACTURING COMPETITIVENESS.

5-602.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES IT TO BE THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO ADHERE TO THESE SEVEN GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR SUPPORTING MANUFACTURING IN MARYLAND:

(1) THE STATE MUST MAKE A LONG-TERM INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF EXISTING AND EMERGING MANUFACTURERS;

(2) THE STATE'S SUPPORT FOR MANUFACTURING MUST BE INDUSTRY-DRIVEN, WITH GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION EFFORTS FOCUSED ON PRIORITIES SET BY BUSINESSES;

(3) THE STATE'S EFFORTS TO SUPPORT MANUFACTURING MUST BE ORGANIZED IN WAYS THAT ADDRESS THE SCALE OF NEED IN ORDER TO HAVE A NOTICEABLE IMPACT ON THE STATE AND REGIONAL ECONOMIES;

(4) THE STATE'S SUPPORT OF MANUFACTURING MUST BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO MEASURABLE OUTCOMES THAT RESULT FROM THE STATE'S BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES;

(5) ALL MANUFACTURERS NEED TO DEPLOY THE LATEST ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY TO BE COMPETITIVE;

(6) THE STATE SHOULD TARGET ITS LIMITED RESOURCES TO KEY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, THOSE THAT HAVE A STRONG PRESENCE OR HEALTHY GROWTH PROSPECTS, AS A MEANS OF DEVELOPING A COMPETITIVE MANUFACTURING BASE; AND