

WHEREAS, It is envisioned that the Efficiency 2000 Commission will make recommendations concerning, but not limited to, the following matters:

(1) shifting of services from the public sector to the private sector ("privatization") when it makes "good business sense" to do so without threatening the health, welfare, and well-being of Maryland's citizenry;

(2) eliminating certain programs and services, including a concomitant reduction of personnel, where unnecessary duplication and fragmentation is deemed to exist either at the State or local level;

(3) altering State/local fiscal relations with regard to funding and services that are deemed mutually beneficial because of the improved delivery and cost-effectiveness of the alteration;

(4) reforming the State budget process to accord public managers greater flexibility to manage their operations through performance and compliance goals and to shift unused funds for new priorities;

(5) facilitating greater utilization of the State's Innovative Idea Award Program and the Incentive Performance Awards Program for all State employees, as predicated on the understanding that some of the most cost-effective ideas stem from within the organization itself;

(6) increasing reliance on the State's public/private higher education academic community for research, problem-solving, and related assistance as a viable alternative to costly consultant studies; and

(7) developing ways by which selected State programs and services can become fiscally self-sufficient through nondependence on General Fund support; and

WHEREAS, The Efficiency 2000 Commission will terminate its existence under this Act on June 30, 2000 after having helped Maryland through the fiscal uncertainties and difficulties of the 1990's; now, therefore,

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

Article - State Government

SUBTITLE 18. EFFICIENCY 2000 COMMISSION

9-1801.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE EFFICIENCY 2000 COMMISSION:

(C) (1) "GOVERNMENTAL UNIT" MEANS A PERMANENT INSTRUMENTALITY IN THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE, OR JUDICIAL BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.