### **CHAPTER 471**

### (House Bill 685)

# AN ACT concerning

## Maryland Tourism Development - Funding

FOR the purpose of increasing the minimum amount of funds the Governor must include in the annual budget bill for the Maryland Tourism Development Fund for certain fiscal years; specifying a certain minimum amount of funding the Governor must include in the annual budget bill for the Office of Tourism Development; requiring the Office to spend a certain portion of its budget appropriation on tourism marketing; requiring the Maryland Tourism Development Board and the Secretary of Business and Economic Development to submit a certain annual report to the Legislative Policy Committee; repealing the termination date of certain funding requirements; and generally relating to tourism development.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development

Section 4-208

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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Chapter 111 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1994

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

### Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development

4-208.

- (a) There is a Maryland Tourism Development Board Fund.
- (b) The Fund is established to provide a continuing fund for the Board to fund programs relating to the planning, advertising, promotion, assistance, and development of the tourism industry in the State.
- (c) The Fund is a special, continuous, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.
- (d) The Treasurer shall invest and reinvest the Fund in the same manner as other State funds and credit any investment earnings to the General Fund.