

slavery, in order to produce guides and maintain on-line databases of relevant holdings, especially holdings not appropriately cataloged and documented; and

WHEREAS, There needs to be an aggressive, racially inclusive campaign in Maryland to identify historical sites throughout the State that relate to the history and legacy of slavery – including historically African American communities that developed as a result of slavery, Reconstruction, and Jim Crow practices – and to monitor the preservation and development of those sites; and

WHEREAS, There needs to be an entity in Maryland that will keep the State informed of how best to support programs and initiatives to commemorate the middle passage, slavery, indentured servitude, and the underground railroad; and

WHEREAS, There needs to be an entity in Maryland that can keep the State informed of the latest research on the lingering psychological, sociological, and economic impacts of slavery and its legacy, including the impact on crime and crime control; and

WHEREAS, There needs to be an entity in Maryland to work cooperatively with private and public tourist agencies and organizations to oversee and monitor the allocation of public resources to sites and undertakings relating to the history and legacy of slavery in Maryland, and ensure that there is a fair allocation of resources for African American businesses and institutions; 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 7. COMMISSION TO COORDINATE THE STUDY, COMMEMORATION, AND IMPACT OF SLAVERY'S HISTORY AND LEGACY IN MARYLAND.

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(A) THERE IS A COMMISSION TO COORDINATE THE STUDY, COMMEMORATION, AND IMPACT OF SLAVERY'S HISTORY AND LEGACY IN MARYLAND.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO:

(1) NETWORK MUSEUMS, CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS, CULTURAL PARKS AND CENTERS, AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE CATALOGING, PRESERVATION, AND PRESENTATION OF CULTURAL RESOURCES RELATIVE TO THE HISTORY AND LEGACY OF SLAVERY IN MARYLAND;

(2) WORK WITH GRASS ROOTS ORGANIZATIONS, FOUNDATIONS, AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN PUBLICIZING AND SEEKING SUPPORT FOR INITIATIVES RELATING TO THE HISTORY AND LEGACY OF SLAVERY, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF INITIATIVES AIMED AT AND BENEFITTING MARYLAND YOUTH;

(3) TARGET FUNDING FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LIBRARY AND ARCHIVAL RESOURCES RELEVANT TO THE HISTORY AND LEGACY OF