- $\underline{\mbox{(6)}}$   $\underline{\mbox{HAS NOT PAID A TAX DUE BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF THE YEAR AFTER}$  THE TAX BECAME DUE.
- (b) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 16-211 of this subtitle, the Comptroller may suspend or revoke a license if the licensee violates:
- (1) <u>Title 12 of the Tax General Article, or regulations adopted under</u> that title; or
- (2) <u>Title 16 of the Business Regulation Article, or regulations adopted</u> under that title.
- (c) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 16-211 of this subtitle, the Comptroller shall deny a license to any applicant who has had a license revoked under this section until:
  - (1) 1 year has passed since the license was revoked; and
- (2) it satisfactorily appears to the Comptroller that the applicant will comply with this title and any regulations adopted under this title.
- (D) PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF ANY LICENSE, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION WITH REGARD TO:
  - (1) THE APPLICANT;
  - (2) THE BUSINESS TO BE OPERATED; AND
  - (3) THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE APPLICATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Comptroller shall grant a waiver from the provisions of § 16–210(a)(5) of the Business Regulation Article to any individual who is licensed under Title 16 of the Business Regulation Article as of the effective date of this Act for a conviction occurring prior the effective date of this Act.

SECTION  $\frac{2}{2}$ . AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

## CHAPTER 98

(House Bill 98)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Housing and Community Development - Neighborhood Business Development Program - Capital Access Program

FOR the purpose of creating a capital access program in the Neighborhood Business Development Program to encourage private sector loans to certain small