

licensed explosives dealers at approved locations in storage buildings approved by the State Fire Marshal or the local authority having jurisdiction over local fire prevention codes. Any person violating this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

19A.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A DISTRIBUTOR OR WHOLESALER OF SPARKLERS OR SPARKLING DEVICES WHO:

(1) INTENDS TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN THE STATE; OR

(2) SELLS, SHIPS, OR ASSIGNS FOR SALE IN THE STATE THE PRODUCTS OF THE DISTRIBUTOR OR WHOLESALER.

(B) A DISTRIBUTOR OR WHOLESALER SHALL REGISTER ANNUALLY WITH THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL ON FORMS PRESCRIBED BY THE OFFICE.

(C) THE ANNUAL FEE FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE \$750.

(D) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved April 20, 2001.

CHAPTER 172

(Senate Bill 789)

AN ACT concerning

Business and Economic Development - Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority

FOR the purpose of adding to the purposes of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority; altering the eligibility criteria for applicants to the Contract Financing Fund program, the Guaranty Fund financing program, and the Equity Participation Investment Program of the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority; increasing the dollar amount of a loan that may be guaranteed by the Authority under the Guaranty Fund financing program; and generally relating to the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development