

**CHAPTER 566**

**(Senate Bill 204)**

AN ACT concerning

**Office of Smart Growth**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Office of Smart Growth in the Executive Branch; specifying the purpose of this Act; establishing the Special Secretary of Smart Growth as the head of the Office; specifying the duties of the Special Secretary; ~~requiring the Special Secretary to appoint a Deputy Special Secretary under certain circumstances~~; authorizing the Special Secretary to employ certain staff; specifying the powers and duties of the Office; establishing a Smart Growth Subcabinet; providing for the membership of the Subcabinet; specifying the ~~chair~~ chair and vice chair of the Subcabinet; specifying the staff for the Subcabinet; requiring the Subcabinet to perform certain duties; requiring the Subcabinet to submit a certain annual report; and generally relating to the establishment of the Office of Smart Growth.

BY adding to

Article - State Government

Section 9-1401 through ~~9-1407~~ 9-1406, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 14. Office of Smart Growth"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

**Article - State Government**

**SUBTITLE 14. OFFICE OF SMART GROWTH.**

9-1401.

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

(B) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF SMART GROWTH.

(C) "SPECIAL SECRETARY" MEANS THE SPECIAL SECRETARY OF SMART GROWTH.

(D) "SUBCABINET" MEANS THE SMART GROWTH SUBCABINET.

9-1402.

(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT THE STATE IS COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING THE HIGH FINANCIAL, SOCIAL, AND ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS OF SPRAWL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EFFECTIVE SMART GROWTH POLICY.