

~~(VI) \$13,500,000, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005;~~

~~(VII) \$15,000,000, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006; AND~~

~~(VIII) \$17,500,000, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER.~~

(3) For each fiscal year, in addition to any appropriation for tourism marketing from the Maryland Tourism Development Board Fund, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill submitted to the General Assembly a General Fund appropriation for the Office of Tourism Development in an amount not less than the amount of the Governor's proposed General Fund appropriation for the Office of Tourism Development for fiscal year [1995] 2001.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Tourism Development Board in the Department of Business and Economic Development shall report by December 1, 2002 to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee on: (1) its activities relating to planning, advertising, promotion, assistance, and development of the tourism industry in the State during fiscal years 2001 and 2002; (2) its plan of activities anticipated during fiscal years 2003 through 2007; and (3) its recommendations on the funding level for fiscal 2004 and subsequent fiscal years.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July~~ June 1, 2001.

Approved May 18, 2001.

CHAPTER 613

(House Bill 9)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Tourism
Maryland Tourism Development Board and Fund

FOR the purpose of ~~creating the Department of Tourism as a principal department of State government; transferring and reassigning certain duties, responsibilities, authority, functions, and units of the Department of Business and Economic Development and the Department of Housing and Community Development to the Department of Tourism; providing for the appointment of the Secretary, deputy secretary, and the heads of certain units of the Department and for the terms, duties, responsibilities, authority, and functions of those individuals;~~ increasing the membership of the Maryland Tourism Development Board with respect to the private sector business community appointments of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates to the Board; providing for specific funding levels for the Maryland Tourism Development Board Fund for certain fiscal years; requiring the Board to report to certain committees by a certain date on certain activities and recommendations; and generally relating to