(2)   Any excess over $40,000 shall revert to the general funds of the State.

Subtitle 2. Maryland Tourism Development Board and Advisory Committee on Tourism.

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

Article 83A – Department of Business and Economic Development

2-201. *4-201.*

[(a)] In this subtitle, [the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b)   "Advisory Committee" means the Advisory Committee on Tourism.

(c)] "Board" means the Maryland Tourism Development Board.

2-202.

The General Assembly declares it to be the policy of the State to guide, stimulate, and promote the coordinated, efficient, and beneficial development of travel and tourism in the State so that the State can derive, to the fullest extent possible, the economic, social, and cultural benefits that travel and tourism in Maryland generates.

2-203. *4-203.*

(a)   There is a Maryland Tourism Development Board in the Department.

(b)   (1)   The Board consists of [17] 19 members appointed as follows:

(i)   11 members shall be appointed by the Governor in consultation with the Secretary and with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(ii)   [3] 4 members shall be appointed by the President of the Senate of Maryland, [1] 2 of whom shall be from the private sector business community; and

(iii)   [3] 4 members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, [1] 2 of whom shall be from the private sector business community.

(2)   [2] TWO members of the Board at all times shall be members of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1 a member of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President and the other a member of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker.

(3)   IN MAKING THE APPOINTMENTS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SHALL:

(I)   ENSURE THAT EACH GEOGRAPHIC REGION OF THE STATE IS *EQUITABLY* REPRESENTED; AND

(II)   GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE