

[(7)](6) Encourage the location of new international industrial or commercial enterprises in the State, in coordination with local governments and other entities; and

[(8)](7) Engage in any other activity reasonably necessary to achieve the purposes of this section.

(c) The Office has authority to contract or make grants consistent with the purposes of this section. All contracts and grants shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary or the Secretary's designee. Procurements for services or supplies to be performed or delivered outside the State shall be consistent with, but not subject to, the purposes or requirements of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved April 13, 2004.

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**CHAPTER 40**

**(House Bill 180)**

AN ACT concerning

**Real Property - ~~Expedited~~ Recordation of Deeds and Instruments of Writing**

FOR the purpose of repealing ~~the a certain prohibition requirement~~ against recording certain instruments transferring ownership of real property in certain counties, under certain circumstances, until the property granted is transferred on the assessment rolls of the county where the property is located under certain circumstances; ~~requiring a clerk of the circuit court to refuse to record certain instruments of writing under certain circumstances~~; authorizing the clerks of the circuit courts, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and the local collectors of tax to formulate certain procedures regarding the recordation of instruments; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to the process of recording deeds and other instruments of writing ~~in certain counties~~.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Real Property

Section 3-104(a) ~~and (g)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2003 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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