

Preamble

WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes the contributions of the Asian-Pacific American community to Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The Asian-Pacific American community is a significant minority population in the State; and

WHEREAS, In the Executive Branch there exist offices to assist other minority groups, including the Office of Minority Affairs, the Maryland Commission for Women, the Commission on Indian Affairs, and the Governor's Commission on Hispanic Affairs; and

WHEREAS, The Asian-Pacific American community and the State would benefit from the creation of a similar office to assist and promote the ~~interest~~ interests and needs of the Asian-Pacific American community; now, therefore,

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

~~Article—State Government~~

~~SUBTITLE 3A. OFFICE OF ASIAN AFFAIRS~~

~~9-3A-01.~~

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

~~(B) (1) "ASIAN PERSON" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE RACE OR NATIONAL ORIGIN IS ASIAN.~~

~~(2) "ASIAN PERSON" INCLUDES A PERSON WITH ORIGINS FROM:~~

~~(1) THE FOLLOWING ASIAN COUNTRIES:~~

- ~~1. BURMA;~~
- ~~2. THAILAND;~~
- ~~3. MALAYSIA;~~
- ~~4. INDONESIA;~~
- ~~5. SINGAPORE;~~
- ~~6. BRUNEI;~~
- ~~7. JAPAN;~~
- ~~8. CHINA;~~
- ~~9. TAIWAN;~~