

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

Senate Bill No. 489

AN ACT concerning

Office of Asian-Pacific American Affairs

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing~~ requesting the Governor to establish an Office of Asian-Pacific American Affairs in the Executive Branch; specifying the purpose of the Office; ~~providing for the appointment of the Director;~~ defining certain terms; and generally relating to the creation of an Office of Asian-Pacific American Affairs.

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article State Government~~

~~Section 9-3A-01 through 9-3A-06 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 3A. Office of Asian Affairs"~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1984 Volume and 1990 Supplement)~~

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 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~~