

SENATE BILL 628

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By: **Senator Carter**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Economic Development – Maryland Tourism Development Board – Grants**

3 FOR the purpose of expanding the requirement that the Maryland Tourism Development
4 Board provide grants to certain tourism organizations by including nongovernmental
5 tourism organizations as authorized recipients of grants from the Board; and
6 generally relating to the Maryland Tourism Development Board.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Economic Development

9 Section 4–201

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2018 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Economic Development

14 Section 4–214

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2018 Replacement Volume)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Economic Development**

20 4–201.

21 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (b) “Board” means the Maryland Tourism Development Board.

23 (c) “Fund” means the Maryland Tourism Development Board Fund.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (d) "Office" means the Office of Tourism Development.

2 4-214.

3 The Board shall:

4 (1) set policies for spending money on tourism advertising, written and
5 graphic materials, cooperative and matching promotional programs, and other tourism and
6 travel developmental and promotional activities for the State;

7 (2) spend money of the Fund to plan, advertise, promote, assist, and
8 develop the tourism and travel industries in the State; and

9 (3) provide grants to destination marketing organizations **AND TO**
10 **NONGOVERNMENTAL TOURISM ORGANIZATIONS** for the purpose of attracting visitors
11 to the State of not less than:

12 (i) \$2,350,000 in total for fiscal year 2011; and

13 (ii) \$2,500,000 in total for fiscal year 2012 and for each fiscal year
14 thereafter.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
16 1, 2019.