A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Economic Development – Maryland Tourism Development Board – Grants

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

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Economic Development
Section 4–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Economic Development
Section 4–214
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Economic Development

4–201.

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

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

(c) “Fund” means the Maryland Tourism Development Board Fund.
(d) “Office” means the Office of Tourism Development.

The Board shall:

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.