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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Personnel - Telecommuting Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of reestablishing the Telecommuting Pilot Program; requiring the  
4 Governor to establish a statewide Pilot Program; requiring the Secretary of  
5 Budget and Management to adopt policies to administer the Pilot Program;  
6 requiring the Secretary to report on the effect of the Pilot Program; requiring  
7 the Department of Budget and Management to report concerning which State  
8 agencies participate in the Pilot Program; defining certain terms; providing for  
9 the termination of this Act; and generally relating to reestablishing a  
10 Telecommuting Pilot Program.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article - State Personnel and Pensions  
13 Section 2-801 through 2-803 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 8.  
14 Telecommuting Pilot Program"  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (1997 Replacement Volume)

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

1 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

## 2 SUBTITLE 8. TELECOMMUTING PILOT PROGRAM.

3 2-801.

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

6 (B) "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE TELECOMMUTING PILOT PROGRAM.

7 (C) "TELECOMMUTING" MEANS USING TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY  
8 TO WORK AT A LOCATION OTHER THAN A TRADITIONAL OFFICE SETTING.

9 2-802.

10 (A) THE GOVERNOR SHALL REESTABLISH THE STATEWIDE TELECOMMUTING  
11 PILOT PROGRAM.12 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO ALLOW STATE EMPLOYEES  
13 TO WORK AT A LOCATION OTHER THAN A STATE OFFICE THROUGH THE USE OF  
14 TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY.

15 2-803.

16 THE SECRETARY SHALL:

17 (1) REINSTATE ANY GUIDELINES AND POLICIES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED  
18 FOR THE FORMER PILOT PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH AND CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES  
19 OF THE PILOT PROGRAM;20 (2) ADOPT ANY NECESSARY GUIDELINES AND POLICIES TO ESTABLISH  
21 AND CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND22 ~~(3) ESTABLISH A STATE EMPLOYEE COMPUTER PURCHASING PROGRAM~~  
23 ~~TO ALLOW TELECOMMUTING STATE EMPLOYEES TO PURCHASE COMPUTERS AT~~  
24 ~~DISCOUNT PRICES OR THROUGH LOW INTEREST LOANS PROVIDED BY THE STATE~~  
25 ~~EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION; AND~~26 ~~(4)~~ (3) REQUIRE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES TO PROVIDE  
27 TELECOMMUTING STATE EMPLOYEES WITH COPIES OF RELEVANT AGENCY  
28 TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES AND REPORTS THAT ARE STORED ON COMPUTER DISK.29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before October 1,  
30 1999, the Secretary of Budget and Management shall submit a report to the Senate  
31 Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, in  
32 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, concerning the effect of the  
33 Pilot Program within each selected agency.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of  
2 Budget and Management, for the purposes of review and comment, shall notify the  
3 Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee  
4 upon the selection of the State agencies that will participate in this Pilot Program.

5 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 1998. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of  
7 September 30, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this  
8 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.