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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland State Arts Council - Duties**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland State Arts Council to publish an annual  
4 report; authorizing the publication of certain materials; and generally relating  
5 to the Maryland State Arts Council.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development  
8 Section 4-604(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1998 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development  
13 Section 4-607  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development**

2 4-604.

3 (a) There is a Maryland State Arts Council which shall be part of the  
4 Department.

5 4-607.

6 (A) The Council is authorized to conduct programs subject to approval of the  
7 Secretary, including, but not limited to the following:

8 (1) Continuation of the program of the body formerly known as the  
9 Governor's Council on the Arts in Maryland including its statewide survey of  
10 resources and needs in the arts.

11 (2) Determine the extent to which existing resources can fill the needs.

12 (3) Design new or expanded programs in the arts either individually or  
13 in concert with existing arts organizations or arts organizations which may come into  
14 existence hereafter.

15 (4) Encourage and assist in the formation and activities of local  
16 community arts councils.

17 (5) Provide technical and consultative assistance to arts organizations  
18 throughout the State.

19 (6) Assist, both logistically and financially, in the touring of outstanding  
20 professional performances and exhibitions of art, from within and outside the State,  
21 to communities throughout the State.

22 (7) Make awards for excellence in the arts.

23 (8) Make grants to arts organizations and individual artists.

24 (9) Cooperate with educational institutions and organizations to  
25 establish a higher level of education in and appreciation of the arts on the part of  
26 students throughout the State.

27 (10) Explore the feasibility of regional arts programming in the  
28 neighboring states and of program exchange with other states and implement any  
29 such programs it deems advisable.

30 (11) [Publish an annual report and such other material as it deems  
31 appropriate.

32 (12)] Make recommendations to the Board of Public Works concerning  
33 appropriate aesthetic decorations, embellishments, accessories or ornamentation to  
34 State projects, buildings and property.

1 (B) THE COUNCIL SHALL PUBLISH AN ANNUAL REPORT AND MAY PUBLISH  
2 OTHER MATERIAL AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 1999.