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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Employees - Telecommuting Pilot Program - Home Office Equipment**
3 **Purchase Assistance Program**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to establish a
5 home office equipment purchase assistance program within the Department of
6 Budget and Management; requiring the program to provide reimbursement to
7 certain State employees for certain interest charges incurred in connection with
8 the purchase of home office equipment used in telecommuting; requiring the
9 Secretary to adopt certain regulations; providing for the termination of this Act;
10 and generally relating to the establishment of a home office equipment purchase
11 assistance program to enable State employees to participate in the
12 Telecommuting Pilot Program.

13 BY adding to
14 Article - State Personnel and Pensions
15 Section 2-804
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - State Personnel and Pensions**

2 2-804.

3 (A) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH A HOME OFFICE EQUIPMENT
4 PURCHASE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.5 (2) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR INTEREST
6 CHARGES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PURCHASE OF HOME OFFICE
7 EQUIPMENT TO EMPLOYEES WHO:8 (I) ~~PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM~~ ARE INFORMATION
9 TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS AS DEFINED IN REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE
10 SECRETARY;11 (II) HAVE PURCHASED HOME OFFICE EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO
12 PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND13 (III) INCUR INTEREST CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH THE
14 PURCHASE OF HOME OFFICE EQUIPMENT.15 (B) AN EMPLOYEE MAY BE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE
16 PROGRAM FOR INTEREST CHARGES NOT EXCEEDING AN ACTUAL ANNUAL
17 PERCENTAGE RATE OF 10%.

18 (C) THE SECRETARY BY REGULATION SHALL ESTABLISH:

19 (1) CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR REIMBURSEMENT;
20 AND

21 (2) PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR REIMBURSEMENT.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 1999. It shall remain effective until the taking effect of the termination
24 provisions of Chapter 529 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1998. If that
25 termination provisions takes effect, this Act shall be void.