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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning  
4 Council; providing for the membership, purposes, and staffing of the Council;  
5 requiring the Council to report to certain persons by a certain date; providing for  
6 the effective date and termination of this Act; and generally relating to the  
7 Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council.

8 Preamble

9 WHEREAS, Maryland plays a prominent role in our nation's defense through  
10 its many defense laboratories, private sector companies, and military installations;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Those military installations will be scrutinized as part of the  
13 United States Department of Defense's Efficient Facilities Initiative (EFI), otherwise  
14 known as the "BRAC of 2005", a review process that is expected to close up to 25% of  
15 the existing military bases in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, Maryland's industries, universities, businesses, and workers have  
17 contributed to our nation's defense, utilizing their capital, talents, and skills to

1 develop and produce important new technologies and advanced weapons systems,  
2 aircraft, and missiles; and

3 WHEREAS, Maryland needs a focused, coordinated federal military installation  
4 retention effort within the State in order to protect the existing defense installations  
5 and facilities within the State; now, therefore,

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
7 MARYLAND, That:

8 (a) There is a Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council.

9 (b) The Council consists of the following members:

10 (1) three members selected by the President of the Senate to represent  
11 community interests, of which:

12 (i) one shall be a member of the Senate; and

13 (ii) two shall be citizens representing communities adjacent to  
14 military installations;

15 (2) three members selected by the Speaker of the House of Delegates to  
16 represent community interests, of which:

17 (i) one shall be a member of the House of Delegates; and

18 (ii) two shall be citizens representing communities adjacent to  
19 military installations;

20 (3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or ~~a~~ the  
21 Secretary's designee; ~~and~~

22 (4) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

23 (5) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

24 (6) the President of the Southern Maryland Navy Alliance;

25 (7) the President of the Army Alliance;

26 (8) the President of the Naval Energetics Alliance;

27 (9) the President of the Maritime Alliance;

28 (10) the President of the Fort Detrick Alliance; and

29 (4) (11) six ~~five~~ members selected by the Governor ~~of which three shall~~  
30 ~~be citizens.~~

31 (e) ~~Each member of the Council shall be appointed on or before July 1, 2003.~~

1     ~~(d)~~     (c)     (1)     The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Council.

2                     (2)     The chairman may:

3                             (i)     appoint additional members who are presidents of other  
4 military base advocacy groups that are nonprofit organizations and recognized by the  
5 Department of Business and Economic Development; and

6                             (ii)    appoint ex officio members as necessary to address specific  
7 issues, including a representative of the Maryland National Guard.

8     ~~(e)~~     (d)     The Department of Business and Economic Development shall  
9 provide staff support to the Council.

10    ~~(f)~~     (e)     A member of the Council may not receive compensation for serving on  
11 the Council but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
12 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

13    ~~(g)~~     (f)     The Council shall:

14                     (1)     identify the public infrastructure and other community support  
15 necessary to improve mission efficiencies and for the development and expansion of  
16 existing military installations in the State;

17                     (2)     identify the existing and potential impacts of encroachment on  
18 military installations in the State;

19                     (3)     identify potential State and community actions that can minimize  
20 the impacts of encroachment and enhance the long term potential of military  
21 installations;

22                     (4)     identify opportunities for collaboration among military contractors,  
23 local governments, the State, academic institutions, and military departments to  
24 enhance the economic potential of military installations and the economic benefits of  
25 military installations to the State;

26                     (5)     review State policies, including funding and legislation, to identify  
27 actions necessary to prepare for the United States Department of Defense Efficient  
28 Facilities Initiative that will begin in 2005; and

29                     (6)     research how other jurisdictions have addressed the issues regarding  
30 encroachment and partnership formation.

31    ~~(h)~~     (g)     On or before December 31, 2003, the Council shall report its findings  
32 and recommendations to the Governor, and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State  
33 Government Article, to the General Assembly.

34     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
35 June 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the

- 1 end of December 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
- 2 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.