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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Marketing and Infrastructure**
3 **Improvement Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a BRAC Marketing and Infrastructure Improvement
5 Program; establishing certain marketing programs in the Program relating to
6 certain areas; providing for certain financial assistance for certain
7 infrastructure improvements; providing for the administration of the Program;
8 establishing a certain advisory committee; requiring the Governor to include a
9 certain appropriation in the budget bill for certain purposes in certain fiscal
10 years; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the establishment of a
11 BRAC Marketing and Infrastructure Improvement Program.

12 BY adding to

13 Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development
14 Section 6-901 through 6-906, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 9.
15 BRAC Marketing and Infrastructure Improvement Program"
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

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

21 SUBTITLE 9. BRAC MARKETING AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

22 6-901.

23 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
24 INDICATED.

25 (B) "AUTHORIZED COORDINATING ORGANIZATION" MEANS A NONPROFIT
26 CIVIC ORGANIZATION INCORPORATED IN THE STATE THAT:

1 (1) ACTS AS A COORDINATING BODY FOR VARIOUS OTHER
2 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF THE ABERDEEN
3 PROVING GROUND REGION; AND

4 (2) HAS EXPERTISE REGARDING ECONOMIC ISSUES OF THAT REGION.

5 (C) (1) "BRAC" MEANS THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE PROCESS AS
6 ANNOUNCED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

7 (2) "BRAC" INCLUDES THE DEFENSE CONVERSION AND DEFENSE
8 ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
9 COMMERCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION.

10 6-902.

11 THERE IS A BRAC MARKETING AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT
12 PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

13 6-903.

14 THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

15 (1) ESTABLISH A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO MARKET THE I-95
16 CORRIDOR AND ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND REGION TO COMPANIES,
17 CONTRACTORS, AND EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED THROUGH BRAC IN ORDER TO
18 PROMOTE INTEREST IN BALTIMORE, CECIL, AND HARFORD COUNTIES AS AREAS FOR
19 RELOCATION;

20 (2) INCREASE MARKETING EFFORTS THAT PROMOTE THE ECONOMIC
21 BENEFITS OF LOCATING IN THE TRI-COUNTY REGION THROUGH PRINT MATERIALS,
22 INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET, VIDEOS, PRESENTATIONS, AND VARIOUS OTHER
23 MEANS; AND

24 (3) FACILITATE IMPROVEMENT IN LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET
25 DEMANDS OF INCREASED POPULATIONS RESULTING FROM BRAC.

26 6-904.

27 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN CONSULTATION
28 WITH AN AUTHORIZED COORDINATING ORGANIZATION THE DEPARTMENT SELECTS.

29 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
30 FUNDING DECISIONS FOR THE PROGRAM.

31 (C) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF:

32 (1) ONE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FROM EACH COUNTY;

33 (2) ONE PERSON APPOINTED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF
34 EACH COUNTY;

1 (3) ONE BOARD MEMBER FROM THE SELECTED AUTHORIZED
2 COORDINATING ORGANIZATION; AND

3 (4) ONE CITIZEN FROM ONE OF THE THREE COUNTIES HAVING
4 EXPERTISE IN REGIONAL PLANNING APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
5 OFFICERS OF EACH COUNTY.

6 (D) THE PROGRAM SHALL:

7 (1) PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
8 IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO RELOCATE
9 TO THE TRI-COUNTY REGION AS A RESULT OF BASE CLOSURES IN OTHER
10 LOCATIONS;

11 (2) PROVIDE FOR THE COORDINATION OF PROGRAM-RELATED COSTS
12 AMONG THE THREE COUNTIES; AND

13 (3) OPERATE FOR THE EQUAL BENEFIT OF BALTIMORE, CECIL, AND
14 HARFORD COUNTIES.

15 6-905.

16 FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 AND 2009, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE
17 BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$150,000 FOR THE BRAC MARKETING
18 AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

19 6-906.

20 THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2006.