

**SB 700**

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2017 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 700

(Senator Robinson, *et al.*)

Finance

Health and Government Operations

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**State Government - Office of Minority Affairs and Interdepartmental Advisory  
Committee on Minority Affairs - Renaming**

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This bill changes the name of the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs (GOMA) to the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2017.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** GOMA can likely replace signs, stationery, business cards, and other related items with existing budgeted resources, particularly if existing supplies are exhausted first. No effect on revenues.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:** Title 9, Subtitle 3 of the State Government Article establishes GOMA in the Executive Department and designates the head of the office as a Special Secretary who is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The Special Secretary's general duties are to advise the Governor on activities to promote the employment of minority persons in the State and any other matters that affect the rights and interests of minority persons and the communities in which they live. GOMA has designated oversight, reporting, and outreach responsibilities related to the State's Minority Business Enterprise program. In addition, Chapter 119 of 2016 transferred responsibility

for overseeing the State's Small Business Reserve program from the Department of General Services to GOMA.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 1506 (Delegate Glenn, *et al.*) - Health and Government Operations.

**Information Source(s):** Governor's Office of Minority Affairs; Department of Legislative Services

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