

SENATE BILL 920

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Economic Development – Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Business**
3 **Accounts – Management Fees**
4 **(Small Business Increased Access to Capital Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Commerce to authorize an eligible fund
6 manager to receive, use, and retain a certain management fee; authorizing the
7 Department to set an annual cap on the amount of certain management fees; and
8 generally relating to management fees for eligible fund managers of Small, Minority,
9 and Women-Owned Business Accounts.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Economic Development
12 Section 5–1501(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Economic Development
17 Section 5–1501(g)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Economic Development**

23 5–1501.

24 (a) In this section, “eligible fund manager” means:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) includes an entity that the Department designates to manage funds received under subsection (c)(1) of this section.

(2) The Department shall set the maximum amount of grant money that each eligible fund manager may use under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

15 (II) THE PERCENTAGE AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)
16 OF THIS PARAGRAPH MAY NOT BE LESS THAN 1.5% AND MAY NOT EXCEED 3% OF THE
17 TOTAL LOAN PRINCIPAL.

18 (III) A MANAGEMENT FEE AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS
19 PARAGRAPH SHALL BE PAID FROM THE ACCOUNT AND MAY BE RETAINED BY AN
20 ELIGIBLE FUND MANAGER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES RELATED TO LENDING
21 ACTIVITIES UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

22 (4) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL CAP ON THE
23 CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF MANAGEMENT FEES AN ELIGIBLE FUND MANAGER MAY
24 RECEIVE UNDER PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
26 1, 2026.