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MAKING A CHANGE

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Costly compliance

Updating ATMs to new ADA regs expensive for local banks

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Baltimore's banks scrambled to meet a March 15 deadline for making sure their automated teller machines met the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act so they are accessible to blind custom-

If they have not complied, banks face the possibility of hefty fines from the U.S. Department of Justice,

which administers the act, or lawsuits from customers unable to use an ATM.

The Justice Department issued regulations in 2010 interpreting the Americans with Disabilities Act as requiring ATM machines to be usable by blind people. Under the regulations, the machines will have to have a voice component that speaks instructions to blind users and helps them through the process of using

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Md. loan fund faces budget ax

Legislature debates \$4.5M cut to incentive program

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A state economic development incentive program that helped persuade retailing giant Kohl's Corp. to locate a massive distribution center in Harford County and bring other companies to Maryland is facing a bud-get cut that supporters say would be a major blow to Maryland's job-creation efforts.

The state Department of Legislative

Services is recommending that lawmakers take out of the budget \$4.5 million in general fund dollars Gov. Martin O'Malley earmarked for the Department of Business and Economic Development's Maryland Economic Development Assis-GENERAL tance Fund in fiscal year 2013.

If approved by lawmakers, the cut would leave DBED with only about two-thirds of the \$15 million officials say they need to fund MEDAF, the state's pri-

mary economic development incentive program.

MEDAF provides low-interest loans to companies to get them to move to Maryland or expand their opera-

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ASSEMBLY

Varied needs of IT, biotechs will test new Md. startup initiative

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When Startup Maryland kicks off March 30, it will be confronted with a challenge unique to this region's three Startup America subgroups: How to bring life sciences and information technology — the state's two major tech industries — under one banner.

The pro-entrepreneurship effort introduced by President Obama in January is the last of the region's trio to launch. Startup Virginia got under way Jan. 31 in Arlington, Va., with Startup D.C. following later that day. Nationwide, there are 17 Startup America regions.

The groups share a common mission of supporting their respective early-stage scenes but inherit a different startup landscape with a different set of problems.

In Maryland, the IT sector — led by cyber security - is gaining prominence to match the traditional biotech hubs in Montgomery County and Baltimore. And on the surface the two communities share some of the same characteristics: Both are heavily venture-backed and entrepreneur-driven.

But their needs are wildly different. For a software startup, capital requirements have only shrunk and products can be spun out quickly. A drug developer's cash needs, on the other hand, are enormous, while the path to a first commercial product is long and fraught with clinical and regulatory hurdles. It's no coincidence that the Tech Council of Maryland, the state's biggest tech trade group, represents the industries with two separate divisions, MdTech and MdBio.

Startup Maryland is reaching out to the life sciences sector, said organizing board member Mike Binko. Its second entrepreneur town hall meeting took place at

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PIZZA PROPERTIES

A Baltimore company wants to unload some Papa John's stores. PAGE 7



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Md.'s latest tax hike hits cigars and smokeless tobacco. PAGE 5

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