

years and may be renewed at expiration. It is not transferable but this does not preclude persons from working under the direct supervision of the person holding the permit.

(c) A person applying for a permit shall:

(1) Have knowledge of [archeology] PALEONTOLOGY.

(2) Provide a detailed statement to the Secretary giving the reasons and objectives for excavation or removal and the benefits expected to be obtained from the contemplated work.

(3) Provide data and results of any completed excavation, study, or collection at the first of each calendar year.

(4) Obtain the prior written permission of the Secretary if the site of the proposed excavation is on State-owned lands and prior written permission of the owner if the site of the proposed excavation is on privately owned land.

(5) Carry the permit while exercising the privileges granted.

(d) A person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, and may be imprisoned for not less than ten days nor more than six months. A person who violates any of the provisions of subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, and the permit shall be revoked.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 2-302 through 2-306 and 2-309, respectively, of Article – Natural Resources of the Annotated Code of Maryland be transferred to be Section(s) 5-622 through 5-627, respectively, of Article 83B – Department of Housing and Community Development of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 83B – Department of Housing and Community Development

5-601.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Business entity” means, for purposes of §§ 5-612 and 5-613 of this subtitle, a corporation, association, partnership, joint venture, or other legally organized entity.

(c) “CAVE” HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN § 5-1401 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE AND INCLUDES ANY NATURALLY OCCURRING VOID, CAVITY, RECESS, CAVERN, SINKHOLE, GROTTO, ROCK SHELTER, OR SYSTEM OF INTERCONNECTING PASSAGES BENEATH THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH OR WITHIN A CLIFF OR LEDGE, INCLUDING NATURAL SUBSURFACE WATER AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS.