

had authority to certify the Code and found that none believed it had. If the section of the Code which was needed consisted of only one Act or several Acts easily distinguishable, the Hall of Records would then certify the originals if they were desired, but in many cases a section of the Code is built up out of so many Acts and over so long a period of time that we had no choice but to refuse to do anything.

With the thought in mind that perhaps legislation of some sort might remedy this awkward situation I wrote to the Attorney General to inquire whether such legislation was feasible. The reply from the Law Department in which a partial solution is suggested is also printed here below:

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THE STATE LAW DEPARTMENT

1901 Baltimore Trust Building
Baltimore, Maryland

May 11, 1949.

DR. MORRIS L. RADOFF, *Archivist*
HALL OF RECORDS
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Dr. Radoff:

We have your letter of May 10th with which you enclosed a photostatic copy of the request of Mr. Salvatore M. Lo Monaco for copies of certain sections of the Code certified by the Secretary of State.

It is quite probable that the laws of New York permit the introduction into evidence of the laws of another State upon presenting copies thereof duly certified by the Secretary of that State, and I would suggest, therefore, that copies of the sections requested by Mr. Lo Monaco be furnished him.

In your letter to us you state that you receive many requests of this kind and that you are forced to reply that you cannot certify to the Code or certify that an Act was in force at a given time. In view of the fact that the requested papers are to be used in another State, we are inclined to the view that the sections may be prepared and certified by the Secretary of State.

Very truly yours,
J. EDGAR HARVEY,
Deputy Attorney General.

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