

110D.

All objects and materials of historical or archaeological value or interest found on archaeological sites or any land owned or controlled by the State are the property of the State and shall be deposited for permanent preservation in a reputable museum or institution of higher education or another recognized scientific or historical institution or society.

110E.

In order to protect and preserve historical, archaeological and scientific information, matters and objects which from time to time may be found on privately owned lands in this State, the General Assembly declares as a statement of legislative intent that such excavations on privately owned lands should be discouraged except in accordance with and pursuant to the spirit and authority of this subtitle. Persons having knowledge of the location of archaeological sites in the State of Maryland are encouraged to communicate such information to a reputable museum, an institution of higher education, a recognized scientific or historical institution or society, or both, or the Maryland Geological Survey.

110F.

Any person who violates any of the prohibitory provisions of this subheading is guilty of a misdemeanor. Upon conviction thereof, he shall be fined a maximum of \$100.00 or imprisoned for a maximum of thirty days, or subject to both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court. Each day of excavation, appropriation, or act of injuring or destroying any archaeological site is a separate offense and shall be punishable as such.

110G.

A Division of Archaeology is created within the Maryland Geological Survey. The administrative head of the Division shall be the State Archaeologist who shall be a professional archaeologist appointed by the Commission of the Maryland Geological Survey in accordance with the Merit System Law. The Commission shall appoint, in accordance with the Merit System Law, such assistants and other employees as may be provided for in the budget.

110H.

There is hereby created a standing advisory committee which shall be known as the Advisory Committee on Archaeology. The Committee shall consist of five members with skill and knowledge in archaeological matters including representatives of reputable museums, institutions of higher education and recognized scientific and/or historical societies or institutions. All members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Commission for an indefinite term. Vacancies shall be filled by the Commission as in the original appointment. A chairman shall be chosen by the Committee members. The Committee members shall serve without compensation other than reimbursement for travel and actual expenses incurred in their duties under this subheading. These expenses will be provided for in the budget of the Maryland Geological Survey. The Chairman shall call the meetings which shall be held at least four