

49. *Short Title.*

This subtitle may be known and shall be cited as the "Maryland Antitrust Act."

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 26, 1972.

CHAPTER 358
(Senate Bill 17)

AN ACT to add new Sections 15E to 15K, inclusive, to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," to follow immediately after Section 15D thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Gubernatorial Transition Act," providing for gubernatorial transition, prescribing methods to be used in the orderly transfer of the executive power in connection with the expiration of the term of office of a Governor and the inauguration of a new Governor and making an appropriation to effect this Act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 15E to 15K, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," to follow immediately after Section 15D thereof, and to be under the new subtitle "Gubernatorial Transition Act," and to read as follows:

Gubernatorial Transition Act

15E.

"Governor-elect" means the person who is the ~~apparent~~ successful candidate for the office of Governor, as ascertained by the Secretary of State BOARD OF STATE CANVASSERS following the general election.

15F.

The General Assembly declares it to be the purpose of this subtitle to promote the orderly transfer of the executive power in connection with the expiration of the term of office of a Governor and the inauguration of a new Governor. The interest of the State requires that the transition be accomplished to assure continuity in the conduct of the affairs of the State Government. Any disruption occasioned by the transfer of the executive power could produce results detrimental to the safety and well-being of the State and its people. Accordingly, it is the intent of the General Assembly that appropriate actions be authorized and taken to avoid or minimize any disruption. In addition to the specific provisions contained in this sub-title directed toward that purpose, it is the intent of the General Assembly that all officers of the State Government conduct the affairs of the