

CHAPTER 26

(House Bill 266)

AN ACT to add a new Section 21 [of] to Article 1 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Rules of Interpretation," to follow immediately after Section 20 to provide that a statutory reference to a portion of the Code or to any other law applies to any subsequent amendment thereto, unless expressly otherwise provided, and to provide for the application of the new section.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 21 be and it is hereby added to Article 1 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), Title "Rules of Interpretation," to follow immediately after Section 20 thereof and to read as follows:

21. INCORPORATION OF STATUTES BY REFERENCE.

(A) WHENEVER A PROVISION OF THE PUBLIC GENERAL OR PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF THIS STATE REFERS TO ANY PORTION OF THIS CODE, OR TO ANY OTHER LAW, THE REFERENCE APPLIES TO ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENT TO THAT PORTION OF THE CODE OR OTHER LAW, UNLESS THE REFERRING PROVISION EXPRESSLY PROVIDES OTHERWISE.

(B) THE RULE OF CONSTRUCTION ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION APPLIES TO AN AMENDMENT TO A STATUTE WHETHER ADOPTED PRIOR OR SUBSEQUENT TO JULY 1, 1973.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved April 10, 1973.

CHAPTER 27

(House Bill 326)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 8 of Article 54 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "Hall of Records," subtitle "Hall of Records Commission," correcting an error relating to the destruction of certain books and papers by Clerks of District Courts in conjunction with the Hall of Records.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 8 of Article 54 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "Hall of Records," subtitle "Hall of Records Commission," is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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If the Commission shall decline to accept any original papers, official books, records, documents or files offered to it under the provisions of Section 7, then the custodian thereof, with the written approval of the Board of Public Works, is