

Sex Discrimination - Obsolete Provisions

FOR the purpose of deleting certain provisions that specify the rights of women to practice law and to hold public offices and positions and that validate acts of women notaries public.

BY repealing

Article 10 - Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact
Section 6
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 68 - Notaries Public
Section 9
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1970 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article 69 - Officers
Section 10
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1970 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, At common law women were prohibited from exercising various civil rights including the right to hold public office, the right to be a notary public, and the right to practice law; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland General Assembly enacted various statutes in the early 20th Century which abrogated the common law and thereby assured women of various civil rights; and

WHEREAS, The development of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution and the enactment of Maryland's Equal Rights Amendment, Article 46 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights, fully assure to Maryland women equality of rights and make unnecessary the continuation of certain statutes; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 10 - Attorneys at Law and Attorneys in Fact