

unnecessary. -] GOVERNOR. "AGENCY" ALSO INCLUDES ANY AGENCY CREATED BY GENERAL LAW, WHICH OPERATES IN TWO OR MORE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, EXCEPT THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION.

(b) "Rule" includes every regulation, standard, GUIDELINE, or statement of policy or interpretation of general application and future effect, including the amendment or repeal thereof, adopted by an agency, whether with or without prior hearing, to implement or make specific the law enforced or administered by it or to govern its organization [or], procedure, OR THE PRACTICE BEFORE SUCH AGENCY, but does not include regulations concerning only the internal management of the agency and not directly affecting the rights of or procedures available to the public, RESPONSES TO PETITIONS FOR ADOPTION OF RULES ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 248 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR DECLARATORY RULINGS ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 250 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(c) "Contested case" means a proceeding before an agency, ~~EXCEPT THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION, THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, THE STATE TAX COMMISSION, THE INMATE GRIEVANCE COMMISSION AND THE MARYLAND PAROLE COMMISSION~~ in which the legal rights, duties, STATUTORY ENTITLEMENTS, or privileges of specific parties are required by law or constitutional right to be determined after an agency hearing.

(D) "LICENSE" INCLUDES THE WHOLE OR PART OF ANY AGENCY PERMIT, CERTIFICATE, APPROVAL, REGISTRATION, CHARTER, OR SIMILAR FORM OF PERMISSION REQUIRED BY LAW, BUT IT DOES NOT INCLUDE A LICENSE REQUIRED SOLELY FOR REVENUE PURPOSES.

(E) "LICENSING" INCLUDES THE AGENCY PROCESS RESPECTING THE GRANT, DENIAL, RENEWAL, REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, ANNULMENT, WITHDRAWAL, OR AMENDMENT OF A LICENSE.

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(c) Except for emergency regulations adopted pursuant to Article 40, § 40A, prior to the adoption of any rule authorized by law, or its amendment or repeal, the adopting agency shall publish notice of its intended action in the Maryland Register, and afford interested persons opportunity to submit data or views orally or in writing. An agency may not adopt or amend any rule or administrative act which increases the agency's expenditures beyond budgetary limitations without the express approval of the General Assembly; or if the General Assembly is not then in session, without the express approval in writing of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, acting jointly and after consulting with and receiving the advice in writing of the joint budget and audit committee. Approval by the General Assembly or its presiding officers, as provided in this section, is not required if the Governor by proclamation declares that the rule or administrative act to increase an agency's expenditures beyond budgetary