

"COUNTY" MEANS A COUNTY OF THIS STATE AND, UNLESS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED OTHERWISE, BALTIMORE CITY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to indicate that a reference in this article to "county" includes Baltimore City, unless the reference specifically provides otherwise.

Art. 1, § 14 of the Code provides that "county" includes Baltimore City "unless such construction would be unreasonable". However, the word "unreasonable" in that section has been interpreted various ways. Therefore, the Commission to Revise the Annotated Code concluded that a more explicit definition of "county" should be included here.

(D) DEPARTMENT.

"DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to avoid repetition of the full title "Department of Health and Mental Hygiene".

(E) HOUSEHOLD MEMBER.

"HOUSEHOLD MEMBER" MEANS SOMEONE WHO IS THE INDIVIDUAL'S RELATIVE, BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE, OR WARD, AND:

- OR
- (1) WHO SHARES THE INDIVIDUAL'S LEGAL RESIDENCE;
- OR
- (2) WHOSE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS ARE UNDER THE LEGAL OR ACTUAL CONTROL OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from Art. 43, § 119(j).

The enumeration of types of relatives is deleted as unnecessary in light of the broader term "relative".

The phrase "by blood or marriage" is added to clarify the broad scope of the term "relative".

Definitions of "household member" identical to present Art. 43, § 119(j) appear in present Art. 32, § 2B(a)(2) and present Art. 43, §§ 257(b)(2), 291(f), 340(a)(2), 368(h), 467(b)(2), 492(f), 499(d)(2), 555B-1(m), 605(f), 619(e), 725(8), 767(6), 791(10), 860(g), and 911(1). These definitions are deleted in the appropriate titles as unnecessary in light of this subsection.