

is added to clarify the functions of these tissue banks. Similarly, the phrase "for use in the human body" is added to avoid inadvertently including entities that obtain and process human tissue for some other reason, such as medical laboratory tests.

Also in item (1) of this subsection, the phrase "human blood or other human tissue" is substituted for the reference to "human tissue", to incorporate the former definition of "tissue", which included blood. As the term "tissue" is used only in this definition of "tissue bank", the former, separate definition is unnecessary.

Defined term: "Includes"/"including" § 1-101

17-302. STANDARDS AND INSPECTIONS OF TISSUE BANKS.

(A) STANDARDS.

(1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT SET STANDARDS FOR TISSUE BANKS.

(2) THE RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL CONTAIN THE STANDARDS THAT THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS NECESSARY TO ASSURE THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE THAT TISSUE BANKS PROVIDE SAFE AND RELIABLE SERVICES.

(B) INSPECTIONS.

TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE STANDARDS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE SECRETARY SHALL:

(1) HAVE AN INSPECTION MADE OF EACH TISSUE BANK FOR WHICH A PERMIT TO OPERATE IS SOUGHT; AND

(2) HAVE AN INSPECTION MADE PERIODICALLY OR MAKE AN AGREEMENT WITH AN ORGANIZATION TO DO, AT NO COST TO THIS STATE, A PERIODIC INSPECTION OF EACH TISSUE BANK FOR WHICH A PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first sentence, as that sentence related to standards, the first clause of the third sentence, and the entire fourth and fifth sentences of former Article 43, § 34(a).

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the former reference to tissue banks "in the counties of the State and in Baltimore City" is deleted as inaccurate in light of § 17-306 of this subtitle, which makes these standards applicable to out-of-state tissue banks represented or serviced