

"PROGRAM" MEANS THE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL MUSEUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection formerly was Art. 83B, § 5-702(f).

No changes are made.

REVISOR'S NOTE TO SECTION: Former Art. 83B, § 5-702(b), which defined "local jurisdiction" to mean any county or any municipal corporation subject to Md. Constitution, Art. XI-E and any duly authorized agency or instrumentality of a local jurisdiction, is deleted in light of the defined term "political subdivision" and the word "unit". See § 1-101 of this article and the General Revisor's Note to article.

5-450. SCOPE.

THIS PART APPLIES TO A MUSEUM IN THE STATE THAT:

(1) IS ORGANIZED ON A NONPROFIT BASIS FOR ESSENTIALLY EDUCATIONAL OR PRESERVATION PURPOSES;

(2) CARES FOR TANGIBLE INANIMATE OBJECTS THAT THE MUSEUM OWNS OR USES;

(3) EXHIBITS THOSE OBJECTS TO THE PUBLIC ON A REGULAR SCHEDULE; AND

(4) INTERPRETS THE STATE'S CULTURAL HERITAGE, HISTORY, NATURAL HISTORY, OR HISTORY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 83B, § 5-702(c).

It is revised as a scope section for clarity.

5-451. FINDINGS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) MUSEUMS PRESENT, INTERPRET, AND PRESERVE UNUSUAL AND SIGNIFICANT OBJECTS OF THE STATE'S HERITAGE FOR THE BENEFIT, ENJOYMENT, AND EDUCATION OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE;

(2) MUSEUMS ARE UNIQUE AND BENEFICIAL RESOURCES THAT SUPPLEMENT THE STATE'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM;

(3) MUSEUMS ARE REPOSITORIES AND CARETAKERS OF IRREPLACEABLE CULTURAL OBJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF TODAY'S GENERATION AND GENERATIONS YET TO COME;

(4) MUSEUMS, INCLUDING THOSE LOCATED IN SMALL COMMUNITIES, PLAY AN IMPORTANT AND COST-EFFECTIVE ROLE IN THE STATE'S LEISURE TIME AND TOURISM INDUSTRY;