In the introductory clause of subsection (a) of this section, the words "of the General Assembly", which formerly modified "standing committee", are deleted as unnecessary in light of the use of the defined term "standing committee".

In subsection (a)(5) of this section, the former reference to a "rule of procedure" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the broad reference to "law". See the Maryland Uniform Foreign Depositions Act and also Ch. 400 of the Md. Rules.

In subsection (b) of this section, the phrase "may pass an order ... and may enforce the order" is substituted for the former directive that the court "shall compel obedience", which was misleading in light of the prerogatives of courts. This substitution also clarifies that the contempt proceedings result from a failure to comply with the court order.

As to subsection (a)(4) of this section and oaths, see Art. 1,  $\S$  9 of the Code, which authorizes an affirmation to be made in place of an "oath".

As to subsection (c) of this section and perjury, see Art. 27,  $\S\S$  435 through 439 of the Code.

Defined terms: "Person" § 1-101 "Standing committee" § 2-101

2-1105. STUDIES BY GOVERNMENTAL UNITS.

WITHIN THE AMOUNTS MADE AVAILABLE BY APPROPRIATION, EACH OFFICER AND UNIT OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT SHALL CONDUCT ANY STUDY THAT A STANDING COMMITTEE REQUESTS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 40, § 34(1), as it related to standing committees. See also § 2-410 of this title.

As to the substitution of "unit" for the former list "board, commission or department", see the General Revisor's Note to this article.

Defined term: "Standing committee" § 2-101

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