

2-101. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language used as the standard introductory language to a definition section.

(B) AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL.

"AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED BY THE LAWS OF THIS STATE TO PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added for clarity and to avoid repetition of the phrases "minister of the Gospel, or other officer or person authorized by the laws of this State to solemnize marriage", "minister or other person authorized to marry", "minister or other person", "minister of the Gospel, or other person who, under the law of the State of Maryland, is now or may hereafter be authorized to perform the marriage ceremony", and "minister of the Gospel or other person so authorized to perform said rite or ceremony".

(C) CLERK.

"CLERK" MEANS A CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR A COUNTY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added for clarity and to avoid repetition of the phrase "clerk of the circuit court for a county".

Defined term: "County" § 1-101

(D) LICENSE.

"LICENSE" MEANS A LICENSE TO MARRY ISSUED IN THIS STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added for clarity and to avoid repetition of the phrases "license to marry" and "marriage license".

SUBTITLE 2. VALID MARRIAGES; VOID MARRIAGES.

2-201. VALID MARRIAGES.

ONLY A MARRIAGE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN IS VALID IN THIS STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as the first sentence of former Article 62, § 1.