

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved February 28, 1986.

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### CHAPTER 3

(Senate Bill 73)

AN ACT concerning

Annotated Code - Rules of Interpretation - "Includes"

FOR the purpose of defining for purposes of the Rules of Interpretation of the Annotated Code the words "includes" or "including".

BY adding to

Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation  
Section 30  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1981 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

#### Preamble

WHEREAS, In the normal routine of legislative drafting in this State and elsewhere, the words "includes" and "including" are used as words of illustration and expansion, and not by way of limitation or restriction; and

WHEREAS, Knowledge of these rules allows superfluous phrases such as "but not limited to" to be deleted from legislation, a practice commonly followed by the Department of Legislative Reference; and

WHEREAS, The Commission to Revise the Annotated Code regularly expressly states that new revised articles are drafted recognizing "includes" and "including" as words of illustration and expansion and not limitation or restriction, while emphasizing that the absence of this definition does not mean that "includes" or "including" are used in any different sense or that a different legislative intent is implied by the absence of a phrase such as "but not limited to"; and