

(1984 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 643 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1986
Section 2

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

5-312.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION" MEANS:

- (I) AN ATHLETIC CLUB;
- (II) A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION;
- (III) A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION; AND
- (IV) A HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

(3) "ATHLETIC CLUB" MEANS A CLUB ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES, THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER SECTION § 501(C)(7) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954.

[(2)] (4) "Charitable organization" means an organization, institution, association, society, or corporation that is exempt from taxation under Section § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

(5) "COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION" MEANS A NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, OR OTHER ORGANIZATION COMPRISED OF RESIDENTS OF A COMMUNITY, WHICH IS OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT, THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954.

(6) "HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION" MEANS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION COMPRISED OF PROPERTY OWNERS IN A SUBDIVISION OR GROUP OF SUBDIVISIONS WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO REPRESENT THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION, PROTECTION, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE COMMONLY OWNED OR USED PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS.