

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

AUTHORIZED CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORDS OF THE MEMBERSHIP ROLLS OF THE APPLICABLE INDIAN TRIBE, BAND, GROUP, OR CLAN.

(II) THE GOVERNOR MAY REQUIRE THE PRODUCTION OF ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PROVE:

1. THE STANDING OR HISTORY OF THE INDIAN TRIBE, BAND, GROUP, OR CLAN OF WHICH AN APPLICANT CLAIMS MEMBERSHIP; OR

2. THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AN INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT.

(3) (I) ANY PERSON WHO, IN ANY MATTER WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS SECTION, KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY FALSIFIES OR CONCEALS, BY ANY TRICK, SCHEME, OR DEVICE, A MATERIAL FACT, OR MAKES ANY FALSE, FICTITIOUS, OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS, OR MAKES OR USES ANY FALSE WRITING OR DOCUMENT KNOWING THE WRITING OR DOCUMENT CONTAINS ANY FALSE, FICTITIOUS, OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENT OR ENTRY, IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.

(II) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000, OR IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 6 MONTHS, OR BOTH.

5-405.

(a) The Commissioners, subject to the approval of the Secretary, shall appoint, from without their number, (and) AN administrator of the Commission.

5-406.

(A)---THE---COMMISSION---IS---AUTHORIZED---TO---PROVIDE---FORMAL RECOGNITION---OF---MARYLAND---INDIAN---STATUS---TO---A---NATIVE---AMERICAN---TRIBE, BAND, OR GROUP---WHICH---IS---INDIGENOUS---TO---MARYLAND, PROVIDED---THAT---THE TRIBE, BAND, OR GROUP---HAS---PROVEN---TO---THE---SATISFACTION---OF---THE COMMISSION---THAT---IT---MEETS---THE---FOLLOWING---CRITERIA:

(1)---THE---PETITIONING---GROUP---HAS---BEEN---IDENTIFIED---FROM HISTORICAL---TIMES---UNTIL---THE---PRESENT---AS---"AMERICAN---INDIAN"---OR "ABORIGINAL";

(2)---THE---MEMBERS---OF---THE---PETITIONING---GROUP---ARE DESCENDANTS---FROM---A---TRIBE---WHICH---EXISTED---HISTORICALLY---AND---IS---EITHER INDIGENOUS---TO---MARYLAND---OR---DERIVED---FROM---HISTORICAL---TRIBES INDIGENOUS---TO---MARYLAND---WHICH---COMBINED---AND---FUNCTIONED---AS---A---SINGLE ENTITY;

(3)---THE---MEMBERS---OF---THE---PETITIONING---GROUP---ARE DESCENDANTS---OF---AN---INDIAN---TRIBE---WHICH---HISTORICALLY---INHABITED---A SPECIFIC---AREA---IN---MARYLAND;