

BY adding to

Article – Real Property

Section 13–106

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1988 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

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

**Article – Real Property**

13–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated unless otherwise apparent from context.

(B) “CERTIFICATE OF RESERVATION” MEANS A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER AT THE REQUEST OF A GOVERNMENTAL BODY UPON A DETERMINATION THAT VACANT LAND EXISTS AND THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY WISHES TO RESERVE THE LAND FOR PUBLIC USE.

[(b)](C) “Commission” means the Hall of Records Commission.

[(c)](D) “Commissioner” means the State Archivist who, while performing the duties and exercising the powers provided in this title, is known as the “Commissioner of Land Patents”.

[(d)](E) “Expense” includes any charge, cost, deposit, fee, or tax incurred in connection with a land patent proceeding.

(F) “GOVERNMENTAL BODY” INCLUDES ANY UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT, ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR ANY AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

[(e)](G) (1) “Land” means any area of land in the State, including any two or more areas of land with a common boundary for at least part of their perimeters.

(2) “Land” includes vacant land.

(3) “Land” does not include any area covered by navigable water unless it was included in a patent issued before March 3, 1862.

[(f)](H) “Mail” means to deposit in the United States mails, postage prepaid, endorsed “Restricted Delivery — Return Receipt Requested”.

[(g)](I) “Patent” means:

(1) Any grant confirmed by Article 5 of the Declaration of Rights of the State Constitution;

(2) Any valid grant made under prior law by the State of its interests in any vacant, resurveyed, escheat, or confiscated land; or