

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 1-101(f) through (u) and 15-101(f) through (j), respectively, of Article - Estates and Trusts of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 1-101(g) through (v) and 15-101(g) through (k), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Estates and Trusts**

1-101.

(a) In the estates of decedents law the following words have the meanings indicated.

(F) (1) "ENVIRONMENTAL LAW" MEANS A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW, RULE, REGULATION, OR ORDINANCE THAT RELATES TO THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

(2) "ENVIRONMENTAL LAW" INCLUDES TITLE 9 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

7-401.

(BB) (1) TO COMPLY WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE MAY:

(I) INSPECT PROPERTY HELD BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, INCLUDING ANY TYPE OF INTEREST IN A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, PARTNERSHIP, OR CORPORATION, AND ANY ASSETS OWNED BY A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, PARTNERSHIP, OR CORPORATION TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND RESPOND TO AN ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY RELATING TO THE PROPERTY;

(II) BEFORE OR AFTER THE INITIATION OF A CLAIM OR A GOVERNMENTAL ENFORCEMENT ACTION, TAKE ANY ACTION NECESSARY TO PREVENT, ABATE, OR OTHERWISE REMEDY AN ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY RELATING TO PROPERTY HELD BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE;

(III) SETTLE OR COMPROMISE AT ANY TIME A CLAIM AGAINST THE ESTATE BASED ON AN ALLEGED ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY THAT MAY BE ASSERTED BY ANY PERSON; AND

(IV) PAY FROM THE ESTATE THE COSTS OF AN INSPECTION, REVIEW, STUDY, ABATEMENT, RESPONSE, CLEANUP, OR OTHER REMEDIAL ACTION THAT INVOLVES AN ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITY AS PROVIDED UNDER § 7-304 OF THIS TITLE.