

~~making provisions of this Act severable declaring English as the State language.~~

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article 41 Governor Executive and Administrative Departments~~

~~Section 18-205~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1993 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)~~

BY adding to

Article - State Government

Section 13-315

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

Preamble

~~WHEREAS, Maryland is comprised of people from many ethnic, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds, each of whom has contributed to this State the richness of their heritage; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Maryland has been greatly enriched by this diversity, and the government should always take steps to promote the dignity of all the heritages that form this State's pluralistic society; and~~

~~WHEREAS, It is not the purpose of this Act nor may this Act be construed, to infringe upon the rights of citizens to exercise the use of a language of their choice for private conduct; now, therefore,~~

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

~~Article 41 Governor Executive and Administrative Departments~~

~~18-205.~~

~~(A) (1) ENGLISH IS RECOGNIZED AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT OF THIS STATE.~~

~~(2) AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE STATE, ENGLISH IS THE LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS AND ACTIONS.~~

~~(B) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO:~~

~~(1) THE LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE, AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT; AND~~

~~(2) THE STATE AND EACH POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE, INCLUDING EACH DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, UNIT, ORGANIZATION, AND INSTRUMENTALITY THEREOF.~~

~~(C) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL:~~