

(2) THE FACTS RELEVANT TO THE QUESTION, SHOWING FULLY THE NATURE OF THE CONTROVERSY OUT OF WHICH THE QUESTION AROSE;

(3) A STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THIS STATE, ACTING AS THE RECEIVING COURT, MAY REFORMULATE THE QUESTION; AND

(4) THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF COUNSEL OF RECORD AND PARTIES APPEARING WITHOUT COUNSEL.

(B) IF THE PARTIES CANNOT AGREE UPON A STATEMENT OF FACTS, THE CERTIFYING COURT SHALL DETERMINE THE RELEVANT FACTS AND STATE THEM AS A PART OF ITS CERTIFICATION ORDER.

12-607. NOTICE; RESPONSE.

THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THIS STATE, ACTING AS A RECEIVING COURT, SHALL NOTIFY THE CERTIFYING COURT OF ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THE QUESTION AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTIONS OF COMITY AND FAIRNESS, RESPOND TO AN ACCEPTED CERTIFIED QUESTION AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

12-608. PROCEDURES.

(A) AFTER THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THIS STATE HAS ACCEPTED A CERTIFIED QUESTION, PROCEEDINGS ARE GOVERNED BY THE MARYLAND RULES OF PROCEDURE.

(B) PROCEDURES FOR CERTIFICATION FROM THIS STATE TO A RECEIVING COURT ARE THOSE PROVIDED IN THE RULES AND STATUTES OF THE RECEIVING FORUM.

12-609. OPINION.

THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THIS STATE SHALL STATE IN A WRITTEN OPINION THE LAW ANSWERING THE CERTIFIED QUESTION AND SEND A COPY OF THE OPINION TO THE CERTIFYING COURT, COUNSEL OF RECORD, AND PARTIES APPEARING WITHOUT COUNSEL.

12-610. COST OF CERTIFICATION.

FEEES AND COSTS ARE THE SAME AS IN CIVIL APPEALS DOCKETED BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THIS STATE AND ~~MUST~~ SHALL BE EQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN THE PARTIES UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE CERTIFYING COURT.

12-611. SEVERABILITY.

IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE OR ITS APPLICATION TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE IS HELD INVALID, THE INVALIDITY DOES NOT AFFECT OTHER PROVISIONS OR APPLICATIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE WHICH CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISION OR APPLICATION, AND TO THIS END THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE SEVERABLE.

12-612. UNIFORMITY OF APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION.

THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE APPLIED AND CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE ITS