

revision has been that, once something is said, it should be said in the same way every time. To that end, the Insurance Article Review Committee conformed the language and organization of this article to that of previously enacted revised articles to the extent possible.

In this article, as in other revised articles, the word "regulation" is substituted for the former references to "rules and regulations" to distinguish, to the extent possible, between regulations of executive units and rules of judicial or legislative units and to establish consistency in the use of the words. This substitution conforms to the practice of the Division of State Documents. See the Revisor's Note to SG § 10-101(e). In some instances, however, to conform to insurance industry practice and the practice of the Insurance Administration, references to "rules" have been retained.

Also throughout this article, to be consistent and to avoid unnecessary confusion, the singular verb "adopt" is used in relation to rules or regulations, and verbs such as "prescribe" and "promulgate" are deleted. Regulations, in any event, are subject to Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article.

In some instances, the staff of the Department of Legislative Reference has created "Special Revisor's Notes" to reflect the substantive effect of legislation enacted during the 1995, 1996, and 1997 Sessions on some provisions of this article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Revisor's Notes, Special Revisor's Notes, and catchlines contained in this Act are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this Act.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to affect any valid seal that a licensee or permit holder holds before October 1, 1997.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That nothing in this Act affects the term of office of an appointed or elected member of any department, board, commission, committee, agency, or other unit. An individual who is a member of a unit on the effective date of this Act shall remain a member for the balance of the term to which appointed or elected, unless the member sooner dies, resigns, or is removed under provisions of law.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Act, any transaction or employment status affected by or flowing from any change of nomenclature or any statute amended, repealed, or transferred by this Act and validly entered into or existing before the effective date of this Act and every right, duty, or interest flowing from the statute, remains valid after the effective date of this Act and may be terminated, completed, consummated, or enforced as required or allowed by any statute amended, repealed, or transferred by this Act as though the repeal, amendment, or transfer had not occurred. If the change in nomenclature involves a change in name or designation of any State unit, the successor unit shall be considered in all respects as having the powers and obligations granted the former unit.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the continuity of every department, board, commission, committee, agency, or other unit is retained. The