

(4) WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE NEUTRAL CASE EVALUATION SESSION, THE EVALUATOR SHALL NOTIFY, IN WRITING, THE DIRECTOR AND THE CIRCUIT COURT OR UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE RESULTS OF THE NEUTRAL CASE EVALUATION.

(5) (I) DURING THE NEUTRAL CASE EVALUATION PERIOD, THE CIRCUIT COURT OR UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SHALL CONTINUE TO HAVE JURISDICTION TO RULE ON ANY MOTIONS OR DISCOVERY MATTERS.

(II) THE NEUTRAL CASE EVALUATION MAY NOT INTERFERE WITH THE SCHEDULED TRIAL.

(6) (I) THE EVALUATOR SHALL BE PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-2A-03(D) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(II) UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED BY THE PARTIES, THE COST OF NEUTRAL CASE EVALUATION, WHICH MAY NOT EXCEED \$300 PER CASE, SHALL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to any claim pending or filed on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 13, 1999.

CHAPTER 459

(House Bill 810)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Corporations and Real Estate Investment Trusts

FOR the purpose of authorizing a real estate investment trust to file a certain certificate of correction with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; clarifying that certain provisions of law relating to service of process apply to real estate investment trusts; clarifying and altering certain definitions; altering the required contents of a resolution that the board of directors of a corporation is required to adopt before the issuance of certain stock or convertible securities; providing the fact that certain stock certificates and certain share certificates do not contain or refer to certain restrictions on transferability adopted after the issuance of the certificate does not mean the restriction is invalid; clarifying a certain stockholder vote requirement; authorizing a corporation, subject to a certain exception, to hold meetings of its stockholders in certain places; authorizing certain agreements to include certain terms and conditions that require the submission of certain matters to certain stockholders of a corporation; authorizing certain agreements to include certain terms and conditions that require the submission of certain matters to certain