

(III) "COMPUTER PROGRAM" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 21-102 OF THE COMMERCIAL LAW ARTICLE.

(2) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY TO COMPUTER INFORMATION AND COMPUTER PROGRAMS IN THE SAME MANNER AS THEY APPLY TO GOODS AND SERVICES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act does not affect the digital signature requirements of the digital signature pilot program established under § 8-504 of the State Government Article.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a presently existing obligation or contract right may not be impaired in any way by this Act.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any right of action that accrues before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Joint Technology Oversight Committee.

(b) The Committee consists of the following ten members:

(1) five members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate; and

(2) five members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker.

(c) The members of the Committee serve at the pleasure of the presiding officer who appointed them.

(d) The President and the Speaker shall jointly appoint a Senator and a Delegate to serve as co-chairmen who shall alternate in serving as the presiding chairman of the Committee each year.

(e) (1) The Committee shall:

(i) review the implementation of the Maryland Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act in this State; and

(ii) recommend to the Governor and the General Assembly any appropriate changes in State law based on the findings of the Committee.

(2) The Committee may examine and evaluate additional technology related issues as designated by the co-chairmen of the Committee.