

providing that the code of public general laws compiled and maintained by the Department of Legislative Services is adopted as evidence of the law and shall be considered as evidence of the law in all courts of the State and by all offices and officers of the State and its political subdivisions; altering and clarifying certain duties of the Department of Legislative Services and the Office of Policy Analysis with respect to the codified laws of the State; requiring the Department to create and maintain a statutory database of the public general laws of the State and to correct certain manifest errors in that code subject to ratification by the General Assembly; making certain technical, stylistic, and conforming changes; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to the ~~adoption of the West Code as~~ public general laws of the State and evidence of the law in Maryland.

BY adding to

Article 1 – Rules of Interpretation

Section 2A

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 10–201

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 2–1238(5) and (8), 2–1243(c), and 2–1247

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

Article 1 – Rules of Interpretation

2A.

EACH REFERENCE IN THE CODIFIED LAWS OF MARYLAND TO “THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND”, “THE ANNOTATED CODE”, “THE MARYLAND CODE”, “THE STATE CODE”, “THE CODE”, OR “THIS CODE” SHALL MEAN ANY CODE OF THE PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS OF THE STATE THAT HAS BEEN ADOPTED AND MADE EVIDENCE OF THE PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS OF THE STATE UNDER § 10–201 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.