(2)   RECOGNIZES THAT TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE MUST BE PROVIDED WHEN THE LIVES OR PROPERTY OF THE PUBLIC IS IN IMMINENT DANGER;

(3)   RECOGNIZES THAT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE USUALLY IS SUMMONED BY TELEPHONE, AND THAT A MULTIPLICITY OF EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS EXISTED THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND WITHIN EACH COUNTY;

(4)   WAS CONCERNED THAT AVOIDABLE DELAYS IN REACHING APPROPRIATE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WERE OCCURRING TO THE JEOPARDY OF LIFE AND PROPERTY; AND

(5)   ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE THREE DIGIT NUMBER, 9–1–1, IS A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AND APPLIED TELEPHONE NUMBER THAT MAY BE USED TO SUMMON EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND TO ELIMINATE DELAYS CAUSED BY LACK OF FAMILIARITY WITH EMERGENCY NUMBERS AND BY CONFUSION IN CIRCUMSTANCES OF CRISIS.

(B)   PURPOSES OF SUBTITLE.

THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE TO:

(1)   ESTABLISH THE THREE DIGIT NUMBER, 9–1–1, AS THE PRIMARY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE STATE; AND

(2)   PROVIDE FOR THE ORDERLY INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF 9–1–1 SYSTEMS IN THE STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 41, § 18–101(a) through (e).

In subsection (a)(1) of this section, the reference to "the public" is substituted for the former reference to "the citizens of Maryland" for consistency throughout this article. Similarly, in subsection (a)(2) of this section, the reference to "the public" is substituted for the former reference to "its citizens". *See* General Revisor's Note to article.

In subsection (a)(3) of this section, the reference to "emergency" assistance is substituted for the former reference to "such" assistance for clarity.

In subsection (a)(4) and (5) of this section, the references to emergency "assistance" are substituted for the former references to emergency "aid" for consistency within subsection (a) of this section.

In subsection (a)(5) of this section, the former reference to "understandable" confusion is deleted as surplusage.

Defined terms: "County" § 1–101
          "9–1–1 system" § 1–301