

construction that applies to all revised articles of the Code and to avoid confusion with the term "state", which is defined article-wide to mean a state, possession, territory, commonwealth, or district of the United States. See § 1-101 of this article.

5-102. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND PURPOSE OF TITLE.

(A) FINDINGS.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) MANY OF THE SUBSTANCES LISTED IN THIS TITLE HAVE A USEFUL AND LEGITIMATE MEDICAL PURPOSE AND ARE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE HEALTH AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE; BUT

(2) THE ILLEGAL MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, POSSESSION, AND ADMINISTRATION OF CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL AND DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE HEALTH AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE.

(B) PURPOSE.

(1) THE PURPOSE OF THIS TITLE IS TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM LAW TO CONTROL THE MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, POSSESSION, AND ADMINISTRATION OF CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES AND RELATED PARAPHERNALIA TO:

(I) ENSURE THEIR AVAILABILITY FOR LEGITIMATE MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES; BUT

(II) PREVENT THEIR ABUSE, WHICH RESULTS IN A SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEM TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND REPRESENTS A SERIOUS DANGER TO THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE.

(2) THIS TITLE SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS PURPOSE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 276.

In the introductory language of subsection (a) of this section, the former reference to "declar[ing]" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the reference to "find[ing]".

In subsection (b)(2) of this section, the former reference to how this title is to be "interpreted" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the reference to how it is to be "construed".

Defined terms: "Administer" § 5-101

"Controlled dangerous substance" § 5-101

"Distribute" § 5-101

"Manufacture" § 5-101

"Possess" § 5-101