

before the State Board of Contract Appeals; providing that certain requirements related to the practice of law in the State do not limit the right of certain persons to represent certain contractors in these proceedings; clarifying that a person may be represented by counsel in an appeal before the Appeals Board; requiring the Board of Public Works and the Department of Legislative Services to conduct certain studies and submit certain reports on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to ~~legal representation for a contractor in an expedited procedure before the State Board of Contract Appeals~~ the State Board of Contract Appeals and the State's procurement law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

Section 10–102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 15–213

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

10–102.

This title does not limit the right of:

- (1) an individual to appear on the individual's own behalf before a court or other unit of the State government;
- (2) a title insurance company to examine and to insure titles to real property;
- (3) a collection company to engage in the business of collecting or adjusting commercial claims; [or]
- (4) a lawyer who is employed on a regular salaried basis by a corporation to represent the corporation before a court or other unit of the State government; OR
- (5) AN INDIVIDUAL TO REPRESENT A CONTRACTOR IN AN EXPEDITED PROCEDURE BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS UNDER § 15–213 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.