the Advisory Committee; prohibiting a member of the Advisory Committee from receiving certain compensation; requiring the Department to staff the Advisory Committee: establishing the Maryland Forensic Laboratory Improvement Fund as a special-fund; providing for the funding of a certain fund; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to administer a certain fund; specifying the purposes for which grants shall be made from a certain fund; providing that certain proceedings, records, and files of a certain-organization or agency certain organizations or agencies are not discoverable and are not admissible in a certain criminal case; providing that certain reports, findings; recommendations, and corrective actions issued by a certain organization or agency are discoverable and admissible to a certain extent; requiring the Governor to include certain funds in the State budget for a certain purpose for certain years; requiring the Secretary to make certain appointments on or before a certain date; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; modifying a certain definition; providing that this Act does not apply to a certain type of testing; and generally relating to standards and oversight for forensic laboratories.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General Section 1–101(c) and (j) Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 17-2A-01 through 17-2A-16 <u>17-2A-12</u> to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 2A. Forensic Laboratories"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations Health - General

Section 1-401 19-2301

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

1 - 101.

(c) "Department" means the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.