

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 88A, § 145(a)(1) and (3).

The former introductory clause, "the following words have the meanings indicated", is deleted as unnecessary because only one word is defined in this section.

REVISOR'S NOTE TO SECTION:

Former Art. 88A, § 145(a)(2) and (4), which defined "Department" and "Secretary", respectively, are revised in § 6-101 of this title.

6-702. ESTABLISHED.

THERE IS A CITIZENSHIP PROMOTION PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 88A, § 145(b), as it established the Program.

It is revised in standard language for clarity and consistency with similar provisions elsewhere in this article.

Defined term: "Department" § 6-101

6-703. PURPOSES.

THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM ARE:

- (1) TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST ELIGIBLE FOREIGN-BORN RESIDENTS TO BECOME NATURALIZED CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CIVIC LIFE OF MARYLAND;
- (2) TO INCREASE THE NUMBER AND PROPORTION OF ELIGIBLE FOREIGN-BORN RESIDENTS WHO BECOME CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES; AND
- (3) TO ENCOURAGE FOREIGN-BORN RESIDENTS WHO BECOME CITIZENS TO BE INVOLVED IN OUR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 88A, § 145(d).

In item (1) of this section, the reference to eligible "foreign-born" residents becoming naturalized citizens is added for consistency within the section.

Defined term: "Program" § 6-701

6-704. DUTIES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET, THE PROGRAM SHALL:

- (1) ENCOURAGE ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS TO LEARN ENGLISH;
- (2) ENCOURAGE ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS TO BECOME NATURALIZED CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES;