

GENERAL REVISOR'S NOTE TO SUBTITLE:

Former Art. 27, § 500(d)(1)(i), which provided that in Wicomico County process may not be served on Sunday, is transferred to CJ § 6-302(c).

Former Art. 27, §§ 494, 495, 496, 498, 499, and 500(f) are deleted as unnecessary and obsolete.

Former Art. 27, § 500(f), which was enacted in 1987, provided that former Art. 27, §§ 492, 521, and 522 did not apply in Wicomico County. Chapter 5, § 16, Acts of 1989, renumbered former Art. 27, §§ 492, 521, and 522 to be former Art. 27, §§ 494, 495, and 496. Former Art. 27, §§ 494, 495, and 496, which on their face applied only to Wicomico County, therefore are deleted as obsolete in accordance with later enacted former § 500(f). In case of irreconcilable provisions, later-enacted provisions prevail over earlier enacted provisions. See Farmers & Merchants National Bank v. Schlossberg, 306 Md. 48(1986). Former Art. 27, § 500(f) also is deleted as unnecessary and obsolete because former §§ 494, 495, and 496 are deleted as obsolete.

Former Art. 27, §§ 498 and 499 are also deleted in light of the deletion of former Art. 27, §§ 494 and 495, which contained the prohibitions and penalties to which former §§ 498 and 499 referred, and the absence of any legal necessity to retain an authorization to engage in activities that are not otherwise prohibited.

The Business Regulation Article Review Committee notes these deletions for consideration by the General Assembly.

As to the execution of contracts on Sunday, see Woel v. Griffith, 253 Md. 451 (1969).

GENERAL REVISOR'S NOTE TO ARTICLE:

The Department of Legislative Reference is charged with revising the law in a clear, concise, and organized manner, without changing the effect of the law.

One precept of revision has been that, once something is said, it should be said in the same way every time. To that end, the language and organization of this article is conformed to the 21 previously enacted articles. Thus, for example, the provisions of this article for regulatory bodies, for licensing, and for prohibited acts have been drafted in accordance with Model Guide for Drafting Governmental Units and Licensing Provisions, developed in conjunction with the revision of the Health Occupations and Business Occupations and Professions Articles.

In this article, as in other revised articles, the term "unit" is substituted for the former references such as "department", "agency", "board", and "commission", except when a former reference indicated a specific entity. The term "unit" is used as the general term for an organization in a government because the term is broad enough to include all such entities. Throughout this article, references to current units and positions are substituted for obsolete references to entities that have been abolished or otherwise ceased to exist.