

## CHAPTER 765

## (Senate Bill 332)

AN ACT concerning

**Civil Court Fees - Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund**

~~FOR the purpose of requiring the District Court and circuit courts to assess and collect a certain surcharge for the Maryland Legal Services Corporation to be used for civil legal services to indigents; establishing the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund; requiring the proceeds of the surcharges collected to be distributed to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund for use in accordance with the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Act; providing for the appropriation of moneys collected under this Act; and generally relating to the assessment and collection of certain civil court surcharges.~~

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund; providing that the Fund is a nonlapsing fund; requiring the Treasurer to invest and reinvest the Fund in the same manner as other State funds and to credit any investment earnings to the Fund; requiring the Fund to be administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts; requiring expenditures from the Fund to be made in accordance with an appropriation in the annual State budget or by budget amendment; requiring moneys distributed and appropriated to the Fund to be used by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation to fund civil legal services to indigents; requiring the State Court Administrator to assess a certain surcharge on court costs and charges in civil cases in the circuit courts; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to assess a certain surcharge on filing fees and costs in civil cases in the District Court; requiring the surcharges to be deposited into the Fund; requiring the Governor to appropriate a certain amount in the State budget each year to the Fund; authorizing the Governor to transfer certain abandoned property funds to the Fund; requiring the interest on certain attorney trust accounts to be payable to the Fund; authorizing the Administrative Office of the Courts, in consultation with the Maryland Legal Services Corporation, to waive a certain requirement under certain circumstances; requiring certain financial institutions to pay the net interest on certain accounts to the Fund; and generally relating to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 10 - Legal Officials

Section 45-0

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Business Occupations and Professions

Section 10-303