

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 7-202 and 7-301(c)
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BY adding to
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 7-408
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 10 - Legal Officials

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(a) (1) The Governor shall appropriate at least \$500,000 in the State budget each year to [support the activities of the Corporation] THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 7-408 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.

(2) The appropriation to [support the Corporation] THE FUND shall be in the State operating budget that is submitted to the General Assembly in the third week of January each year, or in any supplement to that State budget.

(b) (1) To support the appropriation in subsection (a)(1) of this section or in addition to any appropriation in subsection (a)(1) of this section, the Governor may transfer to the [Corporation] FUND up to \$500,000 on July 1 of each year from the portion of abandoned property funds deposited in the general funds of the State under § 17-317 of the Commercial Law Article.

(2) To the extent that the balance in the portion of abandoned property funds deposited in the general funds of the State under § 17-317 of the Commercial Law Article, after deducting all costs of administering the fund, is less than \$500,000, then only the balance may be transferred in accordance with subsection (b)(1) of this section.

(c) [The Board shall use all appropriated funds solely for the funding of the Corporation's legal assistance programs. No appropriated funds may be used for the Corporation's administrative expenses.] ALL MONEYS APPROPRIATED TO THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION FUND UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 7-408(G) OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.