

SUBTITLE 5. MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL.

4-501. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from the first clause of former Art. 83A, § 4-608.

It is restated as the standard introductory language to a definition section.

(B) ARTS.

"ARTS" INCLUDES DANCE, DRAMA, MUSIC DRAMA, ARCHITECTURE, PAINTING, SCULPTURE, GRAPHICS, CRAFTS, PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN, FILM, TELEVISION, AND CREATIVE WRITING.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language derived without substantive change from the second clause of former Art. 83A, § 4-608.

The former phrase "but not be limited to" is deleted as unnecessary in light of Art. 1, § 30, which provides that the term "includes" is used "by way of illustration and not by way of limitation".

(C) COUNCIL.

"COUNCIL" MEANS THE MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to avoid repetition of the full title of the "Maryland State Arts Council".

4-502. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; POLICY; INTENT.

(A) FINDINGS.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) MANY OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE LACK THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY OR PARTICIPATE IN AND DEVELOP A GREATER APPRECIATION OF THE ARTS, INCLUDING THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES, CONCERTS, OPERA, DANCE AND BALLET PERFORMANCES AND RECITALS, ART AND ART EXHIBITIONS, FINE EXAMPLES OF ARCHITECTURE, AND CREATIVE WRITING;

(2) WITH INCREASING LEISURE TIME, THE PRACTICE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE ARTS ARE OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE;

(3) MANY OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE POSSESS ARTISTIC AND CREATIVE TALENTS THAT CANNOT BE UTILIZED FULLY UNDER EXISTING CONDITIONS;

(4) THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE WILL BE PROMOTED BY RECOGNIZING THAT THE ARTS ARE A VITAL PART OF THE CULTURE AND HERITAGE OF THE STATE AND ARE AN IMPORTANT MEANS TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE STATE'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS;