

Defined term: "Department" § 9-101

14-103. SHORT TITLE.

THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE BROADENED OWNERSHIP ACT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 83A, § 2-106(c).

The reference to this "subtitle" is substituted for the former reference to this "section" to reflect the reorganization of material from former Art. 83A, § 2-106 in this subtitle.

No other changes are made.

GENERAL REVISOR'S NOTE TO ARTICLE

The Department of Legislative Services 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 Economic Development Article Review Committee conformed the language and organization of this article to that of previously enacted revised articles to the extent possible.

It is the manifest intent both of the General Assembly and the Economic Development Article Review Committee that this bulk revision of the substantive economic development law of the State render no substantive change. The guiding principle of the preparation of this article is that stated in *Welch v. Humphrey*, 200 Md. 410, 417 (1952):

[T]he principal function of a Code is to reorganize the statutes and state them in simpler form. Consequently any changes made in them by a Code are presumed to be for the purpose of clarity rather than change of meaning. Therefore, even a change in the phraseology of a statute by a codification thereof will not ordinarily modify the law, unless the change is so radical and material that the intention of the Legislature to modify the law appears unmistakably from the language of the Code. (citations omitted)

Accordingly, except to the extent that changes, which are noted in Revisor's Notes, clarify the former law, the enactment of this article in no way is intended to make any change to the substantive law of Maryland. This intent is further stated in uncodified language included in the enactment of this article. See § 11 of Ch. 306, Acts of 2008.

Throughout this article, as in other revised articles, the word "regulations" generally is substituted for former references to "rules and regulations" to distinguish, to the extent possible, between regulations of executive units and rules of judicial or legislative units and to establish consistency in the use of the words. This substitution conforms to the practice of the Division of State Documents.