

**SENATE BILL 195**  
**EMERGENCY BILL**

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**By: The President (Department of Legislative Services)**

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CHAPTER 28

1 AN ACT concerning

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**Annual Curative Bill**

3 FOR the purpose of generally curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with  
4 possible title or other defects; altering the conditions on residential property  
5 that constitute public nuisances in Charles County; ratifying the repeal of a  
6 certain section of the Annotated Code; providing for the effect and construction  
7 of certain provisions of this Act; making this Act an emergency measure; and  
8 generally repealing and reenacting with or without amendments certain Acts of  
9 the General Assembly that may be subject to possible title or other defects in  
10 order to validate those Acts.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article 66B - Land Use  
13 Section 14.01  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
17 Article - Correctional Services  
18 Section 8-206  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (1999 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
22 Article - Education  
23 Section 18-603 and 18-2303

1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

3 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
4 Article - Health - General  
5 Section 19-374  
6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
7 (2000 Replacement Volume)

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article - Insurance  
10 Section 15-10B-04  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1997 Volume and 2000 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
14 Article - State Government  
15 Section 10-112  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
19 The Public Local Laws of Charles County  
20 Section 85-2  
21 Article 9 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
22 (1994 Edition and June 1998 Supplement, as amended)  
23 (As enacted by Chapter 189 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
25 Chapter 520 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1982, as amended by  
26 Chapter 508 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000  
27 Section 1(1)

28 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
29 Chapter 59 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000  
30 Section 4 and 9

31 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
32 Chapter 270 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000  
33 Section 1

34 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
35 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 66B - Land Use**

1 14.01.

2 (a) This section applies to Allegany County.

3 (b) The planning commission may consist of seven members.

4 (c) (1) The term of each member is 5 years.

5 (2) Each member shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

6 (3) The terms of two of the members of the planning commission shall be  
7 staggered.  
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9 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

10 Error: Function paragraph of bill being cured incorrectly indicated that  
11 Article 66B, § 3.02(b)(1) was renumbered to be § 7.06, rather than § 14.01.

12 Occurred: Chapter 426 (House Bill 889) of the Acts of 2000.

**Article - Correctional Services**

13 8-206.

14 (a) (1) With the approval of the Secretary, the Commission shall appoint an  
15 Executive Director.  
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17 (2) The Executive Director shall perform general administrative  
18 functions.

19 (3) The Executive Director serves at the pleasure of the Commission.

20 (b) (1) With the approval of the Secretary, the Commission shall appoint a  
21 Deputy Director and any other employees that the Commission considers necessary to  
22 perform general administrative and training management functions.

23 (2) The Deputy Director and other employees appointed under  
24 paragraph (1) of this subsection shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission.

25 (c) With the approval of the Secretary, the Commission shall employ other  
26 individuals as necessary to carry out this subtitle.

27 (d) The Executive Director, the Deputy Director, and other employees of the  
28 Commission are entitled to receive compensation as established by the Commission in  
29 accordance with the State budget.

30 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

31 Error: Function paragraph of bill being cured incorrectly indicated that §

1 8-206 of the Correctional Services Article was being amended.

2 Occurred: Chapter 483 (House Bill 1414) of the Acts of 2000.

3 **Article - Education**

4 18-603.

5 (a) There is a program of tuition assistance under this section.

6 (b) Any career or volunteer fire fighter, ambulance or rescue squad member  
7 who is a resident of Maryland shall receive full and complete reimbursement by the  
8 Administration for tuition costs not to exceed the resident tuition rates at the  
9 University of Maryland, College Park for courses credited toward a degree in fire  
10 service technology or emergency medical technology.

11 (c) (1) The tuition reimbursement application shall be filed with the  
12 Administration no later than July 1 immediately following the academic year for  
13 which tuition reimbursement is sought.

14 (2) Payment shall be made 1 year after successful completion of each  
15 academic year.

16 (3) Payment may be made only if the applicant is still employed or  
17 actively engaged as a career or volunteer fire fighter or ambulance or rescue squad  
18 member in an organized fire department or ambulance or rescue squad in this State.

19 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

20 Error: Function paragraph of bill being cured incorrectly indicated that §  
21 18-603, rather than § 18-603(b), of the Education Article was being  
22 amended.

23 Occurred: Chapter 581 (House Bill 231) of the Acts of 2000.

24 18-2303.

25 (a) Except for an Educational Excellence Award under § 18-301 of this title or  
26 a Distinguished Scholar Award under § 18-1101 of this title, the recipient of a  
27 Maryland HOPE Scholarship may not hold any other scholarship awarded under this  
28 title.

29 (b) Each recipient of a Maryland HOPE Scholarship shall:

30 (1) Be accepted for admission in a regular undergraduate program at an  
31 eligible institution in the State;

32 (2) Be a resident of the State;

1 (3) Earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or  
2 its equivalent in core curriculum courses as calculated and indicated on the high  
3 school transcript after the first semester of the senior year of high school;

4 (4) Begin attending an eligible institution within 2 years of completing  
5 high school or, failing to do so, provide evidence satisfactory to the Administration of  
6 extenuating circumstances;

7 (5) Enroll as a full-time student at an eligible institution;

8 (6) Have an annual total family income of \$80,000 or below;

9 (7) Accept any other conditions attached to the award; and

10 (8) Satisfy any additional criteria the Maryland Higher Education  
11 Commission may establish.

12 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

13 Error: Function paragraph of bill being cured incorrectly indicated that §  
14 18-2303, rather than § 18-2303(a) and (b)(3), of the Education Article was  
15 being amended.

16 Occurred: Chapter 581 (House Bill 231) of the Acts of 2000.

17 **Article - Health - General**

18 19-374.

19 (a) On the request of a petitioner, an advisory committee shall give advice  
20 concerning the options for medical care and treatment of an individual with a  
21 life-threatening condition.

22 (b) (1) The advisory committee shall make a good faith effort to notify a  
23 patient, a patient's immediate family members, a patient's guardians, and an  
24 individual with a power of attorney to make a decision with a medical consequence for  
25 a patient, of the individual's right:

26 (i) To be a petitioner;

27 (ii) To meet with the advisory committee concerning the options for  
28 medical care and treatment; and

29 (iii) To receive an explanation of the basis of the advisory  
30 committee's advice.

31 (2) Any information or document that indicates the wishes of the patient  
32 shall take precedence in the deliberations of the advisory committee.

33 (c) An advisory committee or a member of an advisory committee who gives  
34 advice in good faith may not be held liable in court for the advice given.

1 (d) A person that assists one or more hospitals or related institutions in the  
2 establishment of an advisory committee may not be held liable in court for any advice  
3 given in good faith by that person, the related institution, the advisory committee, or  
4 any member of the advisory committee and the committee and its members may not  
5 be held liable for any advice given in good faith.

6 (e) (1) The proceedings and deliberations of an advisory committee are  
7 confidential as provided in § 14-501 of the Health Occupations Article.

8 (2) The advice of an advisory committee concerning a patient's medical  
9 care and treatment shall become part of the patient's medical record and is  
10 confidential under §§ 4-301 and 4-302 of this article.

11 (f) A hospital or related institution may not be held liable in a civil action for  
12 failing to carry out the advice of an advisory committee concerning a patient's medical  
13 care if the advice given is inconsistent with the written policies of the hospital or  
14 related institution.

15 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

16 Error: Function paragraph of bill being cured incorrectly indicated that §  
17 19-374 of the Health - General Article was being amended.

18 Occurred: Chapter 51 (Senate Bill 100) of the Acts of 2000.

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#### **Article - Insurance**

20 15-10B-04.

21 (a) An applicant for a certificate shall:

22 (1) submit an application to the Commissioner; and

23 (2) pay to the Commissioner the application fee established by the  
24 Commissioner through regulation.

25 (b) The application shall:

26 (1) be on a form and accompanied by any supporting documentation that  
27 the Commissioner requires; and

28 (2) be signed and verified by the applicant.

29 (c) The fees required under subsection (a)(2) of this section or §  
30 15-10B-10(b)(2) of this subtitle shall be sufficient to pay for the administrative costs  
31 of the certificate program and any other costs associated with carrying out the  
32 provisions of this subtitle.

33 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

34 Error: Function paragraph of bill being cured incorrectly indicated that §

1 15-10B-04 of the Insurance Article was unamended.

2 Occurred: Chapter 123 (House Bill 412) of the Acts of 2000.

3 **Article - State Government**

4 10-112.

5 (a) (1) This subsection does not apply to the emergency adoption of a  
6 regulation.

7 (2) To have a proposed regulation published in the Register, a unit shall  
8 submit to the Administrator:

9 (i) 2 certified copies of the proposed regulation; and

10 (ii) a notice of the proposed adoption.

11 (3) The notice under this subsection shall:

12 (i) state the estimated economic impact of the proposed regulation  
13 on:

14 1. the revenues and expenditures of units of the State  
15 government and of local government units; and

16 2. groups such as consumer, industry, taxpayer, or trade  
17 groups; and

18 (ii) give persons an opportunity to comment before adoption of the  
19 proposed regulation, by:

20 1. setting a date, time, and place for a public hearing at  
21 which oral or written views and information may be submitted; or

22 2. giving a telephone number that a person may call to  
23 comment and an address to which a person may send comments.

24 (4) (i) The estimated economic impact statement required under  
25 paragraph (3)(i) of this subsection shall state whether the proposed regulation  
26 imposes a mandate on a local government unit.

27 (ii) If the proposed regulation imposes a mandate, the fiscal impact  
28 statement shall:

29 1. indicate whether the regulation is required to comply with  
30 a federal statutory or regulatory mandate; and

31 2. include, in addition to the estimate under paragraph  
32 (3)(i)1 of this subsection, the estimated effect on local property tax rates, if applicable,  
33 and if the required data is available.

1 (5) The Administrator shall file the regulation with the Committee.

2 (b) As soon as the Committee approves emergency adoption of a regulation,  
3 the Committee shall submit to the Administrator 2 certified copies of the regulation.

4 (c) If a regulation under this section amends or repeals an adopted regulation,  
5 the text of the regulation under this section shall show the changes with the symbols  
6 that the Administrator requires.

7 (d) Immediately after the Administrator receives the copies of a regulation  
8 under this section, the Administrator shall:

9 (1) prepare 1 copy for publication; and

10 (2) send to the printer:

11 (i) the copy; and

12 (ii) any notice of the proposed adoption.

13 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

14 Error: Function paragraph of bill being cured incorrectly indicated that §  
15 10-112 of the State Government Article was being amended.

16 Occurred: Chapter 585 (House Bill 313) of the Acts of 2000.

17 **Article 9 - Charles County**

18 85-2.

19 The following conditions on residential property are declared to be unhealthy  
20 and unsightly conditions constituting public nuisances that endanger the life, health,  
21 safety, and welfare of the entire county by affording a breeding place for or attracting  
22 insects, rodents, or reptiles, by failing to exercise reasonable care and maintenance of  
23 structural improvements located on improved residential property, or by creating a  
24 substantial risk of danger to the general public welfare, health, or safety through  
25 disease, fire, safety hazards, crime, community degradation, or other means:

26 (1) Accumulations of scrap, paper, junk, vehicle parts, trash, garbage,  
27 leaves, cans, vessels, broken bottles, pieces of china, glass, debris, or other waste  
28 matter of any kind;

29 (2) Grass, noxious weeds, uncultivated vegetable growth, briars, brush  
30 and plants that are more than one foot in height;

31 (3) Grease or oil; or

32 (4) On improved residential property, exterior building disrepair,  
33 including broken windows, flaking paint, broken shutters or rainspouts, or other

1 building damage that evidences a general disregard for the reasonable care and  
2 maintenance of the improved residential property.

3 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

4 Error: Purpose paragraph of bill being cured failed to accurately describe  
5 the changes made by the bill.

6 Occurred: Chapter 189 (House Bill 1333) of the Acts of 2000.

7 **Chapter 520 of the Acts of 1982, as amended by Chapter 508 of the Acts of**  
8 **2000**

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
12 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the General  
13 Construction Loan of 1982 in the aggregate principal amount of \$93,636,675. This  
14 loan shall be evidenced by the issuance and sale of State general obligation bonds  
15 authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and  
16 delivered in accordance with §§ 19 to 23 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of  
17 Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement, as amended from time  
18 to time).

19 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

20 Error: Function paragraph of bill being cured incorrectly indicated that §  
21 1(1)5, rather than § 1(1), of Chapter 520 of the Acts of 1982 was being  
22 amended.

23 Occurred: Chapter 508 (Senate Bill 225) of the Acts of 2000.

24 **Chapter 59 of the Acts of 2000**

25 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 14-1315 of  
26 Article - Commercial Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

27 SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 4 of this Act shall  
28 take effect October 1, 2005.

29 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

30 Error: Function paragraph of bill being cured failed to indicate that §  
31 14-1315 of the Commercial Law Article was being repealed.

32 Occurred: Chapter 59 (Senate Bill 145) of the Acts of 2000.

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**Chapter 270 of the Acts of 2000**

2 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
3 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 4-302(e) and 4-307(d) through (h), respectively, of the  
4 Health - General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be  
5 Section(s) 4-302[(g)] (F) and 4-307(g) through (k), respectively.

6 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

7 Error: Function paragraph and uncodified provision of bill being cured  
8 incorrectly indicated that § 4-302(e) of the Health - General Article was  
9 renumbered to be § 4-302(g), rather than § 4-302(f).

10 Occurred: Chapter 270 (Senate Bill 371) of the Acts of 2000.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the repeal of Article 27, §  
12 486A, as enacted by Chapter 288 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2000, is  
13 hereby validated.

14 DRAFTER'S NOTE:

15 Error: Function paragraph of bill being cured failed to indicate that Article  
16 27, § 486A was being repealed.

17 Occurred: Chapter 288 (Senate Bill 591) of the Acts of 2000.

18 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Drafter's Notes  
19 contained in this Act are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as  
20 part of this Act.

21 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
22 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety,  
23 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
24 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
25 the date it is enacted.