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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 999 (The Speaker)(By Request - Department of Legislative Services - Code Revision)
Health and Government Operations Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Code Revision - Miscellaneous Provisions

This bill revises, without substantive change, specified provisions of the Annotated Code of Maryland to effectuate the purposes of the Code Revision process. The bill also repeals certain provisions that are obsolete or redundant.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill is technical in nature and does not affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill revises, without substantive change, provisions of law relating to:

- the operation of stores by mining companies;
- the DNA Technology Fund;
- the State Aid for Police Protection Fund;
- open meetings of State boards and commissions; and
- State-issued licenses and sanctions for specified drug crimes.

The bill repeals as obsolete provisions of law relating to the time allowed for clerks of court and registers of wills to complete unfinished business on retirement.

Background: House Bill 999 represents the final provisions of law, with the exception of Article 2B, to be revised through the code revision process. House Bill 999 is the product of review by the General Provisions Article Review Committee. Each provision was prepared initially by the legal staff of the Office of Policy Analysis of the Department of Legislative Services.

The first revised articles were enacted at the First Extraordinary Session of 1973, and, as of the date of the introduction in the General Assembly of the General Provisions Article, 34 revised articles have become law: Agriculture, Business Occupations and Professions, Business Regulation, Commercial Law, Corporations and Associations, Correctional Services, Courts and Judicial Proceedings, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Economic Development, Education, Election Law, Estates and Trusts, Family Law, Financial Institutions, Health – Environmental (now Environment), Health – General, Health Occupations, Housing and Community Development, Human Services, Insurance, Labor and Employment, Land Use, Local Government, Natural Resources, Public Safety, Public Utility Companies (now Public Utilities), Real Property, State Finance and Procurement, State Government, State Personnel and Pensions, Tax – General, Tax – Property, and Transportation.

Until 1985, the Commission to Revise the Annotated Code of Maryland supervised preparation of revised articles. In 1985, the Legislative Policy Committee established an article selection committee to recommend a schedule for production of revised articles and provided for article review committees, composed of experts in the area of the law being revised and in good drafting, to review drafts prepared by the staff.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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