

HOUSE BILL 84

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By: **Delegate Krebs**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2015

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Annotated Code of Maryland – Captions and Catchlines – Interpretation**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that a caption or catchline accompanying a section or
4 subsection of law is to be interpreted in a certain manner unless otherwise provided
5 by law; and generally relating to the interpretation of captions and catchlines in the
6 Annotated Code of Maryland.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – General Provisions
9 Section 1–208
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2014 Volume)

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

14 **Article – General Provisions**

15 1–208.

16 [The] **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE** caption or catchline of a
17 section or subsection that is printed in bold type, italics, or otherwise:

18 (1) is intended as a mere catchword to indicate the contents of the section
19 or subsection; and

20 (2) (i) may not be considered as a title of the section or subsection; and

21 (ii) [except as otherwise provided,] may not be considered as a title
22 if the section, subsection, caption, or catchline is amended or reenacted.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2015.