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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader

Senate Bill 398

(The President)(By Request - Department of Legislative Services - Code Revision)

Judicial Proceedings

Health and Government Operations

Code Revision - Estates and Trusts

This code revision bill revises, restates, and recodifies the laws of the State related to estates and trusts. The bill clarifies language and makes technical and stylistic changes.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill’s provisions are intended as nonsubstantive revisions, restatements, and recodifications; there is no fiscal impact.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current Law: Throughout the bill, specific references are substituted for general references to “he,” “him,” and “his,” as statute generally requires the use of words that are neutral as to gender to the extent practicable. Additionally, specific references are substituted for general references to “it” for clarity.

The bill states that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the bill be construed as a nonsubstantive revision, and that the bill may not otherwise be construed to make any substantive changes to the law. Any revisor’s notes in the bill are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as part of the bill. The bill authorizes the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services (DLS), to correct cross-references and terminology

rendered incorrect by the bill or by any other Act of the General Assembly of 2019 that affects provisions enacted by the bill with no further action required by the General Assembly. The publisher must adequately describe any correction in an editor's note following the section affected.

Background: While not part of the DLS formal code revision project, which was completed in 2016 with the reenactment of the Alcoholic Beverages Article, this revision was initiated by DLS under its statutory responsibility to maintain the clarity, simplicity, and consistency of style of statutory law.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Register of Wills; Department of Legislative Services

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