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By: **Senators Giannetti, Haines, and Jacobs**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public General Laws - Evidence of the Law**

3 FOR the purpose of adopting the 2002 Edition of the Annotated Code of Maryland as  
4 published by the editorial staff of West, Eagan, Minnesota (West Code), and all  
5 replacement volumes and supplements to the West Code; providing that the  
6 West Code and all replacement volumes and supplements to the West Code are  
7 evidence of the Public General Laws of Maryland and shall be considered as  
8 evidence of the law in all courts of the State and by all public offices and officers  
9 of the State and its political subdivisions; and generally relating to the adoption  
10 of the West Code as evidence of the law in Maryland.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
13 Section 10-201  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2002 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

19 10-201.

20 (a) (1) The 1957 Edition of the Annotated Code of Maryland, prepared and  
21 published by the Editorial Staff of The Michie Company, Charlottesville, Virginia, is  
22 adopted and made evidence of the Public General Laws of the State of Maryland as  
23 contained in the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1888, as amended,  
24 modified and changed from time to time, through and including the regular session of  
25 the General Assembly of Maryland held in 1957. It shall be considered as the evidence  
26 of the law in all courts of the State and by all public offices and officers of the State  
27 and its political subdivisions.

28 [(b)] (2) A replacement volume to the Annotated Code of the Public General  
29 Laws of Maryland (1957 Edition), prepared and published by the Editorial Staff of

1 The Michie Company, Charlottesville, Virginia, is adopted and made evidence of the  
2 Public General Laws in the volume at the time of publication. It shall be considered as  
3 evidence of the law in all courts of the State and by all public offices and officers of the  
4 State and its political subdivisions.

5 [(c)] (3) Any pocket or other supplement to a volume of the Annotated Code of  
6 the Public General Laws of Maryland (1957 Edition or subsequent replacement  
7 volume), prepared and published by the Editorial Staff of The Michie Company,  
8 Charlottesville, Virginia, is adopted and made evidence of changes in the Public  
9 General Laws which are supplementary or in addition to the laws in the main  
10 volume. It shall be considered as evidence of the law in all the courts of the State and  
11 by all public offices and officers of the State and its political subdivisions.

12 (B) (1) THE 2002 EDITION OF WEST'S ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND,  
13 PREPARED AND PUBLISHED BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF WEST, EAGAN, MINNESOTA,  
14 IS ADOPTED AND MADE EVIDENCE OF THE PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS OF MARYLAND AS  
15 CONTAINED IN THE CODE OF PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS OF MARYLAND OF 1888, AS  
16 AMENDED, MODIFIED, AND CHANGED FROM TIME TO TIME, THROUGH AND  
17 INCLUDING THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND  
18 HELD IN 2001. IT SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS THE EVIDENCE OF THE LAW IN ALL  
19 COURTS OF THE STATE AND BY ALL PUBLIC OFFICES AND OFFICERS OF THE STATE  
20 AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

21 (2) A REPLACEMENT VOLUME TO WEST'S ANNOTATED CODE OF  
22 MARYLAND (2002 EDITION), PREPARED AND PUBLISHED BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF  
23 WEST, EAGAN, MINNESOTA, IS ADOPTED AND MADE EVIDENCE OF THE PUBLIC  
24 GENERAL LAWS IN THE VOLUME AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION. IT SHALL BE  
25 CONSIDERED AS EVIDENCE OF THE LAW IN ALL THE COURTS OF THE STATE AND BY  
26 ALL PUBLIC OFFICES AND OFFICERS OF THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL  
27 SUBDIVISIONS.

28 (3) ANY POCKET OR OTHER SUPPLEMENT TO A VOLUME OF WEST'S  
29 ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (2002 EDITION OR SUBSEQUENT REPLACEMENT  
30 VOLUME), PREPARED AND PUBLISHED BY THE EDITORIAL STAFF OF WEST, EAGAN,  
31 MINNESOTA, IS ADOPTED AND MADE EVIDENCE OF CHANGES IN THE PUBLIC  
32 GENERAL LAWS WHICH ARE SUPPLEMENTARY OR IN ADDITION TO THE LAWS IN THE  
33 MAIN VOLUME. IT SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS EVIDENCE OF THE LAW IN ALL THE  
34 COURTS OF THE STATE AND BY ALL PUBLIC OFFICES AND OFFICERS OF THE STATE  
35 AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

36 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
37 October 1, 2003.