

# HOUSE BILL 1174

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By: **Delegates Dumais and Doory**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2008

Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Domestic Partnerships – Establishment and Rules of Interpretation**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that terms under certain provisions of law that  
4 denote a spousal relationship shall be construed to include a party to a domestic  
5 partnership; authorizing certain parties to enter into domestic partnerships in  
6 the State; establishing that certain provisions that apply to marriages apply to  
7 domestic partnerships; establishing that State and local laws that apply to  
8 spouses apply to parties who have entered into a domestic partnership; and  
9 generally relating to domestic partnerships.

10 BY adding to

11 Article 1 – Rules of Interpretation

12 Section 38

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Family Law

17 Section 2.5–101 and 2.5–102 to be under the new title “Title 2.5. Domestic  
18 Partnerships”

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

23 **Article 1 – Rules of Interpretation**

24 **38.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



