

HOUSE BILL 1326

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By: **Delegates Rosenberg, Busch, Conway, Doory, Harrison, Hixson, James, Levy, McIntosh, Oaks, Proctor, and Vallario**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2008

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Annotated Code of Maryland - Estates and Trusts Article - Dedicated to**
3 **Roger D. Redden**

4 FOR the purpose of dedicating the Estates and Trusts Article of the Annotated Code of
5 Maryland to Roger D. Redden.

6 ~~BY adding to~~
7 ~~Article - State Government~~
8 ~~Section 13-601 to be under the amended title "Title 13. Emblems;~~
9 ~~Commemorations" and the new subtitle "Subtitle 6. Dedication of the~~
10 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland"~~
11 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
12 ~~(2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)~~

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Estates and Trusts
15 Section 1-104
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

18 Preamble

19 WHEREAS, Since 1970, the Annotated Code of Maryland has been the subject
20 of an ongoing process of reorganization and modernization that is now almost
21 complete; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 WHEREAS, This massive undertaking began on the strength of a convincing
 2 argument made in a Maryland Law Review article, co-written in 1969 by
 3 Roger D. Redden, long-tenured and highly regarded attorney in Baltimore City with
 4 the renowned firm of Piper and Marbury; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Redden noted in his law review article that Maryland's
 6 then-current codification of statutory laws was a chaotic "jig saw pattern", with
 7 "inconsistencies and overlappings" and "archaic and purely local" provisions; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Redden's article laid out the framework of what has become
 9 the now-familiar compilation of the statutory laws of Maryland arranged by broad
 10 subject areas and bound in dark red volumes published as Michie's Annotated Code of
 11 Maryland; and

12 WHEREAS, As a result of Mr. Redden's article, former Governor Marvin
 13 Mandel issued an executive order establishing a commission to revise the Annotated
 14 Code of Maryland and appointed Mr. Redden to the blue ribbon commission consisting
 15 of prominent judges and attorneys; and

16 WHEREAS, Under the guidance of Mr. Redden and others, Maryland's code
 17 revision process and its work product became a national model for expressing
 18 statutory law in clear, concise, and consistent language; and

19 WHEREAS, Roger D. Redden passed away on January 29, 2008; now, therefore,

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

22 ~~Article - State Government~~

23 ~~Title 13. Emblems; [Commemorative Days] COMMEMORATIONS.~~

24 ~~SUBTITLE 6. DEDICATION OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.~~

25 ~~13-601.~~

26 ~~THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY~~
 27 ~~OF ROGER D. REDDEN, ESQUIRE.~~

28 Article - Estates and Trusts

29 1-104.

30 THIS ARTICLE IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF ROGER D. REDDEN,
 31 ESQUIRE.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2008.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.