

## CHAPTER 538

(House Bill 1326)

AN ACT concerning

### **Annotated Code of Maryland – Estates and Trusts Article – Dedicated to Roger D. Redden**

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

~~BY adding to~~

~~Article – State Government~~

~~Section 13-601 to be under the amended title “Title 13. Emblems; Commemorations” and the new subtitle “Subtitle 6. Dedication of the Annotated Code of Maryland”~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2004 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)~~

BY adding to

Article – Estates and Trusts

Section 1-104

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

#### Preamble

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~Article - State Government~~

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

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

~~13-601.~~

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

Article - Estates and Trusts

1-104.

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2008.**