

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.