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

This bill dedicates the Estates and Trusts Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland to the memory of Roger D. Redden, Esquire.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Dedicating the Estates and Trusts Article to the memory of Roger D. Redden would not affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In 1993, the State Personnel and Pensions Article was dedicated to the former President of the Senate, William S. James.

Background: Since 1970, the Annotated Code of Maryland has been the subject of an ongoing process of reorganization and modernization that is now almost complete. The process began on the strength of a convincing argument made in a Maryland Law Review article, co-written in 1969 by Roger D. Redden. 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. 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. As a result of his article, former Governor 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. The Estates and Trusts Article was the first article worked on by Mr. Redden and published through the code revision process. 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. Mr. Redden passed away on January 29, 2008.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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