

SENATE BILL 268

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By: **Senators Raskin, Brochin, Muse, Shank, and Zirkin**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2013

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals – Opinions – Public**
3 **Information**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals to
5 post each of its opinions and designate whether the opinion is reported or
6 unreported in a certain manner; providing that an unreported opinion of the
7 Court of Appeals or the Court of Special Appeals may be cited only as provided
8 in the Maryland Rules; and generally relating to opinions of the Court of
9 Appeals and Court of Special Appeals.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

12 Section 12–801 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 8. Opinions of the Court of
13 Appeals and Court of Special Appeals”

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

19 **SUBTITLE 8. OPINIONS OF THE COURT OF APPEALS AND COURT OF SPECIAL**
20 **APPEALS.**

21 **12–801.**

22 **(A) ON THE WEB SITE OF THE MARYLAND JUDICIARY, THE COURT OF**
23 **APPEALS AND THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS SHALL:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) POST EACH OF ITS OPINIONS, INCLUDING EACH OF ITS**
2 **UNREPORTED OPINIONS; AND**

3 **(2) DESIGNATE FOR EACH OF ITS OPINIONS WHETHER THE**
4 **OPINION IS REPORTED OR UNREPORTED.**

5 **(B) AN UNREPORTED OPINION MAY BE CITED ONLY AS PROVIDED IN**
6 **THE MARYLAND RULES.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2013.