

## Article - State Government

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§10–101.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Division of State Documents.
- (c) “Committee” means the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review.
- (d) “Local government unit” means:
  - (1) a county;
  - (2) a municipal corporation;
  - (3) a special district that is established by State law and that operates within a single county;
  - (4) a special district that is established by a county pursuant to public general law; or
  - (5) an office, board, or department that is established in each county under State law and that is funded, pursuant to State law, at least in part by the county governing body.
- (e) “Mandate” means a directive in a regulation that requires a local government unit to perform a task or assume a responsibility that has a discernible fiscal impact on the local government unit.
- (f) “Register” means the Maryland Register.
- (g) (1) “Regulation” means a statement or an amendment or repeal of a statement that:
  - (i) has general application;
  - (ii) has future effect;
  - (iii) is adopted by a unit to:

1. detail or carry out a law that the unit administers;
2. govern organization of the unit;
3. govern the procedure of the unit; or
4. govern practice before the unit; and

(iv) is in any form, including:

1. a guideline;
2. a rule;
3. a standard;
4. a statement of interpretation; or
5. a statement of policy.

(2) “Regulation” does not include:

(i) a statement that:

1. concerns only internal management of the unit; and
2. does not affect directly the rights of the public or the procedures available to the public;

(ii) a response of the unit to a petition for adoption of a regulation, under § 10–123 of this subtitle; or

(iii) a declaratory ruling of the unit as to a regulation, order, or statute, under Subtitle 3 of this title.

(3) “Regulation”, as used in §§ 10–110 and 10–111.1 of this subtitle, means all or any portion of a regulation.

(h) “Small business” has the meaning stated in § 2–1505.2 of this article.

(i) “Substantively” means in a manner substantially affecting the rights, duties, or obligations of:

- (1) a member of a regulated group or profession; or
- (2) a member of the public.

(j) “Unit” means an officer or unit authorized by law to adopt regulations.

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