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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Annotated Code – Terminology – Clergy and Churches, Faith Institutions, and**  
3 **Places of Worship**

4 FOR the purpose of altering certain terminology throughout the Annotated Code that refers  
5 to a clergyman to refer to a member of the clergy and churches to refer to faith  
6 institutions and places of worship; and generally relating to clergy, churches, faith  
7 institutions, and places of worship.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
10 Section 16–405(b)(1)(iii) and 26–904(d)(2)(ix)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2024 Replacement Volume)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Business Regulation  
15 Section 5–602(a)(2) and 17–1803(e)(1)(i)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2024 Replacement Volume)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – Commercial Law  
20 Section 13–104(1), 14–401(l)(3), and 23–101(e)(2)(vi)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



- 1 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 2 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
3 Article – Corporations and Associations  
4 Section 5–301(b), 5–301.1, 5–302, 5–304(b), 5–305, 5–307(b) and (c), 5–310(a)(1),  
5 5–311, and 5–312(a) and (b)(1)  
6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
7 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
10 Section 3–2A–01(f)(2) and 9–111  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Criminal Law  
15 Section 4–209(b)(1)(iii)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – Economic Development  
20 Section 10–301(k)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
24 Article – Education  
25 Section 2–206(e)(4), 2–304(b)(1), 7–108(b)(1)(iv), 7–404(g), and 11–202.1(h)(2)(i)  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland  
27 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 28 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
29 Article – Environment  
30 Section 6–401(g)(2)(ix)  
31 Annotated Code of Maryland  
32 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 33 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
34 Article – Environment  
35 Section 14–108(4), 15–505(b)(2)(v), and 15–810(b)(4)  
36 Annotated Code of Maryland  
37 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 38 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
39 Article – Family Law

- 1 Section 2–403(a)(1) and 5–705(a)(3)  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 4 BY adding to  
5 Article – General Provisions  
6 Section 1–108.1  
7 Annotated Code of Maryland  
8 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Health – General  
11 Section 7–1003(i), 10–703, 19–301(o)(2), 19–403(3), and 19–4A–02(2)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Health Occupations  
16 Section 1–401(a)(4)(ii) and 9–307(a) and (c)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
20 Article – Labor and Employment  
21 Section 8–208(b) and (c)  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2016 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
25 Article – Natural Resources  
26 Section 10–410(g)(1), (3), (5), and (6)  
27 Annotated Code of Maryland  
28 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 29 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
30 Article – Public Safety  
31 Section 6–307(a)(1)(ii), 10–204(a)(1)(i), and 14–1001(a)(1)  
32 Annotated Code of Maryland  
33 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 34 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
35 Article – Real Property  
36 Section 12–104(d)  
37 Annotated Code of Maryland  
38 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 39 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

1 Article – State Government  
2 Section 9–1010(a)(1)  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Tax – General  
7 Section 11–204(b)(1) and (7) and 11–206(d)(1)(ii)  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Transportation  
12 Section 8–714(b)(3)(ii), 8–742, 11–117(a), and 21–703(a)(3) and (g)(2)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

18 16–405.

19 (b) (1) In this subsection, “protected building” means:

20 (iii) a [church or other] place of worship.

21 26–904.

22 (d) (2) A license holder that obtains an entertainment permit under § 26–1103  
23 of this title may allow an individual under 21 years of age to be present on the premises  
24 while an alcoholic beverage is being served during any of the following events:

25 (ix) [church] event **HELD BY A FAITH INSTITUTION;**

26 **Article – Business Regulation**

27 5–602.

28 (a) This subtitle does not apply to a cemetery that:

29 (2) is owned and operated by:

30 (i) a county;

31 (ii) a municipal corporation;

1 (iii) [a church;

2 (iv) a synagogue;] **A FAITH INSTITUTION;**

3 [(v)] **(IV)** a religious organization;

4 [(vi)] **(V)** a nonprofit organization created before 1900 by an act of  
5 the General Assembly;

6 [(vii)] **(VI)** a family and does not conduct public sales; or

7 [(viii)] **(VII)** a State veterans agency.

8 17–1803.

9 (e) (1) An exhibitor need not get a trader’s license for a show if the show is  
10 promoted by:

11 (i) a [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION**, as defined in § 5–301(b) of the  
12 Corporations and Associations Article;

13 **Article – Commercial Law**

14 13–104.

15 This title does not apply to:

16 (1) The professional services of a certified public accountant, architect,  
17 [clergyman] **MEMBER OF THE CLERGY**, professional engineer, lawyer, veterinarian,  
18 insurance company authorized to do business in the State, insurance producer licensed by  
19 the State, Christian Science practitioner, land surveyor, property line surveyor,  
20 chiropractor, optometrist, physical therapist, podiatrist, real estate broker, associate real  
21 estate broker, or real estate salesperson, or medical or dental practitioner;

22 14–401.

23 (l) (3) “Services” does not include the professional services of an accountant,  
24 architect, [clergyman] **MEMBER OF THE CLERGY**, engineer, lawyer, or medical or dental  
25 practitioner.

26 23–101.

27 (e) (2) “Retirement community” does not include:

(vi) A retirement community that is owned by or affiliated with a [church] FAITH INSTITUTION or religious organization;

### Article – Corporations and Associations

5–301.

(b) [“Church”] “FAITH INSTITUTION” means any [church] ~~FAITH INSTITUTION,~~ CHRISTIAN, JEWISH, ISLAMIC, BUDDHIST, OR HINDU CONGREGATION, OR ANY OTHER religious society, ~~or,~~ congregation ~~of any sect, order,~~ or denomination.

5–301.1.

Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle or in any other provision of law, this part applies to every religious corporation formed in this State by any [church] FAITH INSTITUTION.

5–302.

(a) The adult members of a [church] FAITH INSTITUTION may form a religious corporation as provided in this part.

(b) The members shall:

(1) Elect at least four individuals to act as trustees in the name of and on behalf of the [church] FAITH INSTITUTION; and

(2) Prepare a plan of the [church] FAITH INSTITUTION.

(c) The plan shall include:

(1) The purposes for which the religious corporation is formed;

(2) The name of the religious corporation and the [church] FAITH INSTITUTION;

(3) The time and manner for election and succession of trustees; and

(4) The exact qualifications of individuals eligible:

(i) To vote at elections; and

(ii) To be elected to office.

5–304.

1 (b) The articles of incorporation shall contain:

2 (1) The plan of the [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION**;

3 (2) The address of the principal place of worship of the [church] **FAITH**  
4 **INSTITUTION**; and

5 (3) The name and address of the resident agent of the [church] **FAITH**  
6 **INSTITUTION**.

7 5–305.

8 If a [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION** forms a religious corporation, any assets held in  
9 trust for the [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION** by any person shall be conveyed immediately  
10 to the religious corporation.

11 5–307.

12 (b) Unless the plan provides otherwise, the trustees shall be elected and their  
13 successors continued at the time and place ordinarily used for public meetings of the  
14 [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION**, by the individuals who, according to the custom and usage  
15 of the [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION**, have a voice in the management and direction of  
16 congregational or temporal affairs.

17 (c) Unless the plan permits otherwise, the minister of the [church] **FAITH**  
18 **INSTITUTION** or, if there is more than one minister, the senior minister shall be a trustee  
19 of the religious corporation, in addition to the trustees required by § 5–302(b)(1) of this  
20 subtitle.

21 5–310.

22 (a) If any contest arises over the voting rights or the fair conduct of an election:

23 (1) Each contending party shall appoint one individual from among the  
24 members of a neighboring [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION** of the same religious persuasion  
25 or, if there is no such [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION**, from among the members of any other  
26 [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION**; and

27 5–311.

28 (a) Members of a [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION** may separate from the [church]  
29 **FAITH INSTITUTION**, form a house of worship, and employ a minister if:

30 (1) They are of sufficient number to form a house of worship and maintain  
31 a minister; and

1 (2) All debts and contracts incurred by them as members of the original  
2 [church] FAITH INSTITUTION are discharged.

3 (b) When incorporated, the new [church] FAITH INSTITUTION is entitled to the  
4 benefits of this subtitle relating to religious corporations.

5 5–312.

6 (a) If any [church] FAITH INSTITUTION organized since 1800 as a religious  
7 corporation under any law of the State did not file its plan or articles of incorporation for  
8 record in the proper office within the time required by law, but subsequently files its plan  
9 or articles of incorporation in the proper office:

10 (1) The [church] FAITH INSTITUTION is a lawful religious corporation;

11 (2) The date of incorporation is the date of the plan or articles of  
12 incorporation; and

13 (3) If otherwise lawful, every action of the [church] FAITH INSTITUTION  
14 from the date of incorporation is valid.

15 (b) There is a conclusive presumption in every court of the State that a plan or  
16 articles of incorporation of a religious corporation were properly filed for record in the  
17 appropriate office and that these records were lost or destroyed, if:

18 (1) It appears from the record book of the religious corporation or from any  
19 other source that the [church] FAITH INSTITUTION adopted a valid plan or articles of  
20 incorporation; and

## 21 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

22 3–2A–01.

23 (f) (2) “Health care provider” does not include any nursing institution  
24 conducted by and for those who rely upon treatment by spiritual means through prayer  
25 alone in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized [church or religious  
26 denomination] FAITH INSTITUTION.

27 9–111.

28 A minister of the gospel, [clergyman] MEMBER OF THE CLERGY, or priest of an  
29 established [church of any denomination] FAITH INSTITUTION may not be compelled to  
30 testify on any matter in relation to any confession or communication made to him in  
31 confidence by a person seeking his spiritual advice or consolation.



**Article – Criminal Law**

4–209.

(b) (1) A county, municipal corporation, or special taxing district may regulate the purchase, sale, transfer, ownership, possession, and transportation of the items listed in subsection (a) of this section:

(iii) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, within 100 yards of or in a park, [church] **PLACE OF WORSHIP**, school, public building, and other place of public assembly.

**Article – Economic Development**

10–301.

(k) “Noncollegiate educational institution” means a noncollegiate educational institution as defined in § 2–206 of the Education Article that:

(1) has received a certificate of approval from the State Board of Education;  
or

(2) is an institution operated by a bona fide [church organization] **FAITH INSTITUTION**.

**Article – Education**

2–206.

(e) (4) This subsection does not apply to [an] **A NONCOLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL** institution operated by a bona fide [church organization] **FAITH INSTITUTION**, including the Amish and Mennonite church parochial schools. However, [an] **A NONCOLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL** institution that does not have a certificate of approval from the State Board may not receive State funds, except that [an] **A NONCOLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL** institution operated by a bona fide [church organization] **FAITH INSTITUTION** is not required to have a certificate to receive State funds for eligible students in the food service program who are enrolled in nursery school through the eighth grade.

2–304.

(b) (1) Before a private noncollegiate educational institution that operates in this State ends operations, including those operated by bona fide [church organizations] **FAITH INSTITUTIONS**, the chief administrative officer of the **PRIVATE NONCOLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL** institution shall file with the State Superintendent the original or a legible copy of all essential records of the academic achievements of each former student of the

1 **PRIVATE NONCOLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL** institution who received instruction in any  
2 combination of grades 9 through 12 or their equivalents.

3 7–108.

4 (b) (1) If written application is made to the county superintendent, the county  
5 board shall provide for the use of a public school facility for:

6 (iv) Other civic, educational, social, or recreational purposes or  
7 **[church] FAITH INSTITUTION** affiliated civic purposes.

8 7–404.

9 (g) A student whose parent or guardian objects in writing to hearing and vision  
10 screening on the ground that it conflicts with the tenets and practice of a recognized **[church**  
11 **or religious denomination] FAITH INSTITUTION** of which he is an adherent or member may  
12 not be required to take these screenings.

13 11–202.1.

14 (h) With regard to a religious educational institution authorized to operate  
15 without a certificate of approval under subsection (b) of this section, a person may not:

16 (2) Enroll a student in the institution unless, before enrollment, the person  
17 gives written notice to and obtains a written acknowledgment from the student that:

18 (i) The institution's instructional program is only designed for and  
19 aimed at persons who hold or seek to learn the particular religious faith or beliefs of the  
20 **[church] FAITH INSTITUTION** or religious institution, and provides only educational  
21 programs for religious vocations or purposes;

## 22 **Article – Environment**

23 6–401.

24 (g) (2) "Public and commercial building" includes:

25 (ix) **[Churches] PLACES OF WORSHIP;**

26 14–108.

27 The Department shall deny the permit if the Department determines that:

28 (4) The operation will constitute a significant physical hazard to a  
29 neighboring dwelling unit, school, **[church] PLACE OF WORSHIP**, hospital, commercial or

1 industrial building, public road, or other public or private property in existence at the time  
2 of the application for the permit;

3 15-505.

4 (b) (2) Subject to valid existing rights, as that term is used in the federal  
5 Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, the Department may not issue,  
6 extend or renew any permit:

7 (v) Within 300 feet of any public building, school, public park,  
8 [church] **PLACE OF WORSHIP**, community or institutional building; or

9 15-810.

10 (b) The Department may deny the permit on finding that:

11 (4) The operation will constitute a substantial physical hazard to a  
12 neighboring dwelling house, school, [church] **PLACE OF WORSHIP**, hospital, commercial  
13 or industrial building, public road, or other public or private property in existence at the  
14 time of application for the permit;

15 **Article – Family Law**

16 2-403.

17 (a) (1) A license shall read substantially as follows:

18 “State of Maryland and County of ..... To any individual authorized by the laws  
19 of this State to perform a marriage ceremony. You are hereby authorized to join together  
20 in matrimony according to the rules and ceremonies of your [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION**,  
21 society or religious sect and the laws of this State, or according to the laws of this State,  
22 the following individuals:

23 .....  
24 (state here name of intended party one)  
25 .....  
26 (state here name of intended party two)

27 Given under my hand and seal of the Circuit Court for ....., this ..... day of  
28 ..... (state here month and year).”

29 5-705.

30 (a) (3) A minister of the gospel, [clergyman] **MEMBER OF THE CLERGY**, or  
31 priest of an established [church of any denomination] **FAITH INSTITUTION** is not required  
32 to provide notice under paragraph (1) of this subsection if the notice would disclose matter  
33 in relation to any communication described in § 9-111 of the Courts Article and:

1 (i) the communication was made to the minister, [clergyman]  
 2 **MEMBER OF THE CLERGY**, or priest in a professional character in the course of discipline  
 3 enjoined by the [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION** to which the minister, [clergyman]  
 4 **MEMBER OF THE CLERGY**, or priest belongs; and

5 (ii) the minister, [clergyman] **MEMBER OF THE CLERGY**, or priest  
 6 is bound to maintain the confidentiality of that communication under canon law, [church]  
 7 **THE doctrine OF THE FAITH INSTITUTION**, or practice.

### 8 Article – General Provisions

#### 9 1-108.1.

10 “FAITH INSTITUTION” MEANS ANY CHRISTIAN, JEWISH, ISLAMIC, BUDDHIST,  
 11 OR HINDU CONGREGATION, OR ANY OTHER RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OR,  
 12 CONGREGATION OF ANY SECT, ORDER, OR DENOMINATION.

### 13 Article – Health – General

#### 14 7-1003.

15 (i) (1) An individual shall be entitled to receive visits:

16 (i) From a lawyer that the individual chooses;

17 (ii) From a [clergyman] **MEMBER OF THE CLERGY** that the  
 18 individual chooses; and

19 (iii) During reasonable visiting hours that the licensee sets, from any  
 20 other visitor.

21 (2) Each married individual in a licensed residential facility shall have  
 22 privacy during a visit by the spouse.

23 (3) If, for the welfare of the individual, visits are restricted, the restriction  
 24 shall be:

25 (i) Signed by the executive officer or administrative head of the  
 26 licensee; and

27 (ii) Made a permanent part of the individual’s record.

28 (4) Visits of an individual’s lawyer or [clergyman] **MEMBER OF THE**  
 29 **CLERGY** may not be restricted.

#### 30 10-703.

1 (a) Each individual in a facility shall be entitled to converse privately with and  
2 receive visits:

3 (1) At all reasonable hours, from a lawyer that the individual chooses;

4 (2) At all reasonable hours, from a [clergyman] **MEMBER OF THE CLERGY**  
5 that the individual chooses; and

6 (3) During reasonable visiting hours that the facility sets, from any other  
7 visitor if the individual wishes to see the visitor.

8 (b) If an individual refuses to see a visitor, the refusal shall be made a permanent  
9 part of the individual's record.

10 (c) (1) If, for medically justified reasons, visits or private conversations are  
11 restricted, the restriction and the reasons for the restriction shall be:

12 (i) Signed by a physician;

13 (ii) Dated as to when the restriction expires;

14 (iii) Made a permanent part of the individual's record; and

15 (iv) Reviewed every 30 days if the restriction remains in effect.

16 (2) Visits of an individual's lawyer or [clergyman] **MEMBER OF THE**  
17 **CLERGY** may not be restricted during reasonable hours.

18 19-301.

19 (o) (2) "Related institution" does not include a nursing facility or visiting nurse  
20 service that is conducted only by or for adherents of a bona fide [church] **FAITH**  
21 **INSTITUTION** or religious organization, in accordance with tenets and practices that  
22 include reliance on treatment by spiritual means alone for healing.

23 19-403.

24 This subtitle does not:

25 (3) Prohibit the care of an individual who relies on treatment in accordance  
26 with the tenets and practices of a recognized [church or religious denomination] **FAITH**  
27 **INSTITUTION** and, with or without compensation, is cared for in accordance with those  
28 tenets and practices.

29 19-4A-02.

1 This subtitle does not:

2 (2) Prohibit the care of an individual who relies on treatment in accordance  
3 with the tenets and practices of a recognized [church or religious denomination] **FAITH**  
4 **INSTITUTION** and, with or without compensation, is provided care in accordance with those  
5 tenets and practices.

6 **Article – Health Occupations**

7 1–401.

8 (a) (4) (ii) “Provider of health care” does not include any nursing institution  
9 that is conducted by and for those who rely on treatment by spiritual means through prayer  
10 alone in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized [church or religious  
11 denomination] **FAITH INSTITUTION**.

12 9–307.

13 (a) In this section, “certified institution” means an institution that:

14 (1) Cares for and treats the sick in accordance with the teachings of any  
15 recognized [church or religious denomination] **FAITH INSTITUTION** that teaches reliance  
16 on spiritual means through prayer alone for healing; and

17 (2) Is certified by that [church or religious denomination] **FAITH**  
18 **INSTITUTION** to provide this care and treatment.

19 (c) An applicant qualifies for a limited license only if a recognized [church or  
20 religious denomination] **FAITH INSTITUTION** that teaches reliance on spiritual means  
21 through prayer alone for healing approves the applicant as qualified to administer certified  
22 institutions.

23 **Article – Labor and Employment**

24 8–208.

25 (b) Employment is not covered employment if the employment is performed for:

26 (1) a [church or an association or convention of churches] **FAITH**  
27 **INSTITUTION OR AN ASSOCIATION OR CONVENTION OF FAITH INSTITUTIONS**; or

28 (2) an organization that is:

29 (i) operated primarily for religious purposes; and

1 (ii) controlled, operated, principally supported, or supervised by a  
2 [church or an association or convention of churches] **FAITH INSTITUTION OR AN**  
3 **ASSOCIATION OR CONVENTION OF FAITH INSTITUTIONS.**

4 (c) Employment is not covered employment if the employment is performed by:

5 (1) a commissioned, licensed, or ordained minister of a [church] **FAITH**  
6 **INSTITUTION** in the exercise of the ministry; or

7 (2) a member of a religious order in the exercise of duties required by the  
8 order.

### 9 Article – Natural Resources

10 10–410.

11 (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a  
12 person, other than the owner or occupant, while hunting for any wild bird or mammal may  
13 not shoot or discharge any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards, known as the  
14 “safety zone”, of a dwelling house, residence, [church] **PLACE OF WORSHIP**, or other  
15 building or camp occupied by human beings, or shoot at any wild bird or mammal while it  
16 is within this area, without the specific advance permission of the owner or occupant.

17 (3) (i) For archery hunters in Allegany County, Calvert County, Carroll  
18 County, Cecil County, Frederick County, Garrett County, Harford County, Montgomery  
19 County, St. Mary’s County, Washington County, Worcester County, or Wicomico County,  
20 the safety zone described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 50 yards from a  
21 dwelling house, residence, [church] **PLACE OF WORSHIP**, or any other building or camp  
22 occupied by human beings.

23 (ii) For archery hunters in Anne Arundel County, the safety zone  
24 described in paragraph (1) of this subsection extends for 100 yards from a dwelling house,  
25 residence, [church] **PLACE OF WORSHIP**, or any other building or camp occupied by human  
26 beings.

27 (iii) In Howard County, for archery hunters who are hunting under  
28 the authority of a deer management permit, or who are actively participating in a hunting  
29 program administered by the county, the safety zone described in paragraph (1) of this  
30 subsection extends for 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, [church] **PLACE OF**  
31 **WORSHIP**, or any other building or camp occupied by humans.

32 (5) In Harford County, an archery hunter shall use a tree stand when  
33 hunting any wild bird or mammal within 50 to 100 yards of a dwelling house, residence,  
34 [church] **PLACE OF WORSHIP**, public or nonpublic school, or other building or camp  
35 occupied by human beings.





1 physical and functional depreciation, to which shall be added the fair market value of the  
2 land.

### 3 Article – State Government

4 9–1010.

5 (a) The Archives:

6 (1) shall collect public and private records and other information that  
7 relate to the history of the province and State of Maryland from the earliest times, including  
8 [church] records **OF FAITH INSTITUTIONS** and newspapers;

### 9 Article – Tax – General

10 11–204.

11 (b) The sales and use tax does not apply to a sale by:

12 (1) a bona fide [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION** or religious organization, if  
13 the sale is made for the general purposes of the [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION** or  
14 organization;

15 (7) subject to subsection (e) of this section, a bona fide [church] **FAITH**  
16 **INSTITUTION**, religious organization, or other nonprofit organization exempt from taxation  
17 under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code if:

18 (i) the sale is made at an auction sale; and

19 (ii) the proceeds of the sale are used to carry on the exempt purposes  
20 of the [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION** or organization; or

21 11–206.

22 (d) The sales and use tax does not apply to:

23 (1) a sale of food:

24 (ii) by a [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION** or religious organization;

### 25 Article – Transportation

26 8–714.

27 (b) A permit is not required under this section to erect or maintain any outdoor  
28 sign:

1 (3) That is used only to advertise:

2 (ii) A county [or church] fair held in this State **OR A FAIR HELD IN**  
3 **THIS STATE BY A FAITH INSTITUTION;**

4 8–742.

5 This part does not prohibit the erection or maintenance of:

6 (1) Any on premise outdoor sign that complies with § 8–744 of this subtitle;

7 (2) Any outdoor sign used to identify a [church] **PLACE OF WORSHIP** or a  
8 historical monument or location, if the sign is erected in accordance with the rules and  
9 regulations of the Administration; or

10 (3) Any outdoor sign along a highway that is not an expressway, even if the  
11 highway runs parallel or partially parallel to an expressway, if the sign faces that highway.

12 11–117.

13 (a) “Educational purposes” includes those activities of schools certified by the  
14 Department of Education, activities of centers for individuals with an intellectual disability  
15 and physically handicapped individuals, [church schools] **SCHOOLS OPERATED BY A**  
16 **FAITH INSTITUTION**, Sunday schools and [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION** related  
17 functions, child care centers, day camps, or summer camps, or any other activity that  
18 provides some educational experience for its participants.

19 21–703.

20 (a) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, this section applies to:

21 (3) Every bus that is owned or operated by a [church] **FAITH INSTITUTION**  
22 and carrying any passenger;

23 (g) (2) This section does not apply to school buses and [church] buses **THAT**  
24 **ARE OWNED OR OPERATED BY A FAITH INSTITUTION**, as described in subsection (a)(2)  
25 and (3) of this section, at locations within Baltimore City where complying with the  
26 provision of this section would conflict with the existing traffic signal indications.

27 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 2025.