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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 and 2025 Supplement)

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 and 2025 Supplement)

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

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 (2025 Replacement Volume)
- 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 (2025 Replacement Volume)
- 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 2025 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 2025 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 2025 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), and 7–404(g)
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 28 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
29 Article – Education
30 Section 11–202.1(h)(2)(i)
31 Annotated Code of Maryland
32 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 33 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
34 Article – Environment
35 Section 6–401(g)(2)(ix)
36 Annotated Code of Maryland
37 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 38 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
39 Article – Environment

- 1 Section 14–108(4), 15–505(b)(2)(v), and 15–810(b)(4)
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
5 Article – Family Law
6 Section 2–403(a)(1) and 5–705(a)(3)
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 9 BY adding to
10 Article – General Provisions
11 Section 1–108.1
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Health – General
16 Section 7–1003(i), 10–703, 19–301(o)(2), 19–403(3), and 19–4A–02(2)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
20 Article – Health Occupations
21 Section 1–401(a)(4)(ii) and 9–307(a) and (c)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
25 Article – Labor and Employment
26 Section 8–208(b) and (c)
27 Annotated Code of Maryland
28 (2025 Replacement Volume)
- 29 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
30 Article – Natural Resources
31 Section 10–410(g)(1), (3), (5), and (6)
32 Annotated Code of Maryland
33 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 34 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
35 Article – Public Safety
36 Section 6–307(a)(1)(ii), 10–204(a)(1)(i), and 14–1001(a)(1)
37 Annotated Code of Maryland
38 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)
- 39 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

1 Article – Real Property
 2 Section 12–104(d)
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 6 Article – State Government
 7 Section 9–1010(a)(1)
 8 Annotated Code of Maryland
 9 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 11 Article – Tax – General
 12 Section 11–204(b)(1) and (7) and 11–206(d)(1)(ii)
 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
 14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 16 Article – Transportation
 17 Section 8–714(b)(3)(ii), 8–742, 11–117(a), and 21–703(a)(3) and (g)(2)
 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
 19 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

23 16–405.

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

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

26 26–904.

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

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

31 **Article – Business Regulation**

32 5–602.

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

1 23–101.

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

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

5 **Article – Corporations and Associations**

6 5–301.

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

10 5–301.1.

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

14 5–302.

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

17 (b) The members shall:

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

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

21 (c) The plan shall include:

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

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

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

26 (4) The exact qualifications of individuals eligible:

27 (i) To vote at elections; and

1 (ii) To be elected to office.

2 5-304.

3 (b) The articles of incorporation shall contain:

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

5 (2) The address of the principal place of worship of the [church] FAITH
6 INSTITUTION; and

7 (3) The name and address of the resident agent of the [church] FAITH
8 INSTITUTION.

9 5-305.

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

13 5-307.

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

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

23 5-310.

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

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

29 5-311.

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

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

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

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

9 5–312.

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

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

15 (2) The date of incorporation is the date of the plan or articles of
16 incorporation; and

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

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

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

25 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

26 3–2A–01.

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

31 9–111.

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

5 **Article – Criminal Law**

6 4–209.

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

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

13 **Article – Economic Development**

14 10–301.

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

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

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 2–206.

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

32 2–304.

1 (b) (1) Before a private noncollegiate educational institution that operates in
 2 this State ends operations, including those operated by bona fide [church organizations]
 3 **FAITH INSTITUTIONS**, the chief administrative officer of the **PRIVATE NONCOLLEGIATE**
 4 **EDUCATIONAL** institution shall file with the State Superintendent the original or a legible
 5 copy of all essential records of the academic achievements of each former student of the
 6 **PRIVATE NONCOLLEGIATE EDUCATIONAL** institution who received instruction in any
 7 combination of grades 9 through 12 or their equivalents.

8 7–108.

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

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

13 7–404.

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

18 11–202.1.

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

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

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

27 Article – Environment

28 6–401.

29 (g) (2) “Public and commercial building” includes:

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

31 14–108.

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

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

15-505.

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

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

15-810.

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

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

Article - Family Law

2-403.

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

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

.....
(state here name of intended party one)

.....
(state here name of intended party two)

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

5-705.

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

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

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

12 Article – General Provisions

13 1–108.1.

14 “**FAITH INSTITUTION**” MEANS ANY **CHRISTIAN, JEWISH, ISLAMIC, BUDDHIST,**
 15 **OR HINDU CONGREGATION, OR ANY OTHER RELIGIOUS SOCIETY, CONGREGATION,**
 16 **OR DENOMINATION.**

17 Article – Health – General

18 7–1003.

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

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

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

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

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

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

29 (i) Signed by the executive officer or administrative head of the
 30 licensee; and

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

1 (4) Visits of an individual's lawyer or [clergyman] **MEMBER OF THE**
2 **CLERGY** may not be restricted.

3 10-703.

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (i) Signed by a physician;

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

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

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

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

21 19-301.

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

26 19-403.

27 This subtitle does not:

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

3 (2) an organization that is:

4 (i) operated primarily for religious purposes; and

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

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

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

11 (2) a member of a religious order in the exercise of duties required by the
12 order.

13 **Article – Natural Resources**

14 10–410.

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

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

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

31 (iii) In Howard County, for archery hunters who are hunting under
32 the authority of a deer management permit, or who are actively participating in a hunting
33 program administered by the county, the safety zone described in paragraph (1) of this

1 subsection extends for 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, [church] **PLACE OF**
 2 **WORSHIP**, or any other building or camp occupied by humans.

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

7 (6) (i) In Montgomery County or Washington County, an archery
 8 hunter shall be in an elevated position that allows the hunter to shoot in a downward
 9 trajectory when hunting any wild bird or mammal within 50 to 100 yards of a dwelling
 10 house, residence, [church] **PLACE OF WORSHIP**, public or nonpublic school, or other
 11 building or camp occupied by human beings.

12 (ii) In Howard County, for archery hunters who are hunting under
 13 the authority of a deer management permit, or who are actively participating in a hunting
 14 program administered by the county, shall be in an elevated position that allows the
 15 hunters to shoot in a downward trajectory when hunting any wild bird or mammal within
 16 50 to 150 yards of a dwelling house, residence, [church] **PLACE OF WORSHIP**, public or
 17 nonpublic school, or other building or camp occupied by human beings.

18 **Article – Public Safety**

19 6–307.

20 (a) (1) The State Fire Marshal shall inspect for fire exits and reasonable safety
 21 standards:

22 (ii) all schools, theaters, [churches] **PLACES OF WORSHIP**, and
 23 other places of public assembly.

24 10–204.

25 (a) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a mixing building
 26 or storage building of a fireworks plant shall be located at least:

27 (i) 1,000 feet from a school, [church] **PLACE OF WORSHIP**, hospital,
 28 place of public assembly, or gasoline or fuel oil storage building or service station; and

29 14–1001.

30 (a) In this section, “structure” means:

31 (1) a [church, chapel,] **PLACE OF WORSHIP** or convent;

32 **Article – Real Property**

1 12-104.

2 (d) The damages to be awarded for the taking of a structure, such as a [church or
3 place of religious worship] **PLACE OF WORSHIP**, held in fee simple, or under a lease
4 renewable forever, by or for the benefit of a religious body and regularly used by the
5 religious body, are the cost of reproducing or replacing the improvements, adjusted for
6 physical and functional depreciation, to which shall be added the fair market value of the
7 land.

8 **Article – State Government**

9 9-1010.

10 (a) The Archives:

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

14 **Article – Tax – General**

15 11-204.

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

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

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

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

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

26 11-206.

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

28 (1) a sale of food:

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

Article – Transportation

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2 8–714.

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

5 (3) That is used only to advertise:

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

8 8–742.

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

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

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

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

16 11–117.

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

23 21–703.

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

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

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

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.