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# A Guide to the Annotated Code of Maryland

# **Arrangement**

The *Annotated Code of Maryland* is a compilation of statutes and laws in force in the state of Maryland and is presently being revised. Consequently, there are two separate editions which must be consulted together. The original set of volumes is the 1957 edition (black volumes). Articles which have been revised and clarified are published in a new set of maroon volumes. This new edition will eventually replace the entire black set.

Volumes of the Annotated Code in the original black set are arranged in sequence by **numbered** articles (e.g., Art. 2B). A single volume can contain many articles. In the new edition (maroon set) of the Annotated Code, each volume covers one subject and has a distinct title (e.g., Family Law). Volumes in the maroon set are arranged **alphabetically** by title.

# **Updates**

The laws and statutes in both the black and maroon sets are updated on a regular basis. The *Annotated Code of Maryland* is updated annually by **Pocket Parts**. Pocket parts are located at the back of each volume, or when very large, next to the volume being updated. The text within each pocket part is arranged in the same order as the volume it corresponds to.

The Annotated Code is updated three times a year with *Advanced Code Service* pamphlets. Each pamphlet is cumulative and updates the statutory material and annotations from the bound volumes and the pocket parts.

Be Sure to Check the **POCKET PARTS** and the **ADVANCED CODE SERVICE** pamphlets for the most current information.

# Subject Indexes

Specific laws and statutes can be found in both the black and the maroon sets using the same twovolume subject Index. The Index volumes are maroon and are shelved as the last two volumes of the maroon set. The article number (black set) or the abbreviated subject title (maroon set) is the first element of citations found in the Index volumes. The remaining elements of a citation from the Index volumes will be a section number followed by a paragraph number.

Reference to the black set will be similar to this:

# ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES Storage

Regulation, 2B, 12-105. This refers you to section 12, paragraph 105 of Article 2B (black).

References to the maroon set will be similar to this: **LIVESTOCK** 

#### **Biological Products.**

Definitions, AG 3-201.

This refers you to section 3, paragraph 201 of the Agriculture volume (maroon).

AG	Agriculture Article	HG	Health-General Article
BOP	Business Occupations and Professions Article	НО	Health Occupations Article
BR	Business Regulations Article	HCD	Housing and Community Development Article
CL	Commercial Law Article	IN	Insurance Article
CA	Corporations and Associations Article	LE	Labor and Employment Article
COR	Correctional Services Article	NR	Natural Resources Article
CJ	Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article	PS	Public Safety Article
CR	Criminal Law Article	PUC	Public Utility Companies Article
CP	Criminal Procedure Article	RP	Real Property Article
ED	Education Article	SF	State Finance and Procurement Article
EL	Election Law Article	SG	State Government Article
EN	Environment Article	SPP	State Personnel and Pensions Article
ET	Estates and Trusts Article	TG	Tax-General Article
FL	Family Law Article	TP	Tax-Property Article
FI	Financial Institutions Article	TR	Transportation Article

#### Key to Abbreviations for the Maroon Set

Hints for using the subject Indexes:

- 1. *Use the principle subject, not the secondary,* e.g. Laws on speeding motor vehicles are under Motor Vehicles, not under speeding.
- 2. Use the noun, not the adjective, e.g. Life insurance is under Insurance not Life.
- 3. *Use the most pertinent subject*, e.g. for depositions, look under depositions and not under evidence, testimony, or witnesses.
- 4. Use additional subject headings if the one you choose does not give good results.
- 5. Use the cross references.

# **Internet**

# Maryland General Assembly: http://mlis.state.md.us

This is the web site of the Maryland General Assembly. To search the current statutes online, select <u>Everything Else</u> or <u>Maryland Statutes</u> (found directly underneath), these links will take you down the page where you need to select <u>Maryland Code Online</u>.