

Chapter 398

**(House Bill 84)**

AN ACT concerning

**Annotated Code of Maryland – Captions and Catchlines – Interpretation**

FOR the purpose of clarifying that a caption or catchline accompanying a section or subsection of law is to be interpreted in a certain manner unless otherwise provided by law; and generally relating to the interpretation of captions and catchlines in the Annotated Code of Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – General Provisions  
Section 1–208  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Volume)

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

**Article – General Provisions**

1–208.

[The] **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE** caption or catchline of a section or subsection that is printed in bold type, italics, or otherwise:

(1) is intended as a mere catchword to indicate the contents of the section or subsection; and

(2) (i) may not be considered as a title of the section or subsection; and

(ii) [except as otherwise provided,] may not be considered as a title if the section, subsection, caption, or catchline is amended or reenacted.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2015.

**Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.**