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MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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Maryland Code Section: _____

At the end of each statute, the publishers of the Code provide a history of the statute's amendments, displayed in parentheses in chronological order separated by semi-colons. Note your Code section's history trail here.

Session Law/Chapter Number: _____ Year _____

Law of Maryland available in the Library's conference room and online from the Maryland State Archives and the HeinOnline database.

Senate/House Bill Number: _____ Year _____

Note here the bill number provided in the header of the chapter in the Laws of Maryland. It is important to note whether the bill number provided is for the House or the Senate.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Research Maryland courts' usage of legislative history (cases)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secondary Sources (Law review articles, texts and treatises)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill Drafting Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General Assembly website, 1996 to the present ▪ Bill Files at the State Law Library, 1976 to 2001 (Available in microfilm) ▪ Bill Files and related material at the Department of Legislative Services Library, 1965 to present <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1965-1972: Limited early materials from session interims from are available in microfilm, arranged by Legislative Council Report "item number." ○ 1967-1974: A limited number of original Files from regular sessions —consult "Pre-1975 Legislative History Files List" to determine holdings. ○ 1975: Files from 1975 are available in microfilm. ○ 1976-1999: A limited number of original Files from regular sessions between 1976 to 1999 are available—consult "Files Kept in Stacks List" to determine holdings. ○ 2000-2013: Original Files are available. ○ 2014-2015: Original Files are retained by the legislative committee to which the bill was referred; consult the Library to determine access.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legislative Policy Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reports of Committees to the General Assembly, 1977-1981 (Call Number: LE 3(A).2 :RAP in the MD State Documents Collection) ▪ Summary Reports, 1983-present (Call Number: LE 3(a).2 :SRO in the MD State Documents Collection)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legislative Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reports to the General Assembly, 1939-1975 (Library's holdings start in 1941. Call Number: LE 3(A).2 :RAP in the MD State Documents Collection) ▪ Research Reports, 1940-1958 (Call Number: LE 3a.2 :LCR in the MD State Documents Collection)
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Commission to Revise the Annotated Code (Call Number: LE 5.2 :CR in the MD State Documents Collection)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Maryland House and Senate Journals (In Library Storage, Basement Room D; ask a librarian for availability.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reports from Legislative and Executive Task Forces and Study Commissions (Available in the Library's Digital Collections at http://mdlaw.ptfs.com/portal/index.html or search the Library catalog via Advanced Search and limit location to "MD Task Force Report.")
<input type="checkbox"/>	Department of Legislative Services Session Review (Various titles, Call Numbers LE 4.2: SRO/981 to present and LE6.2: SRO/987-997, in the MD State Documents Collection)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Governor's Messages and Vetoes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual Reports and Publications of Executive Agencies and the Judicial Branch
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reports of Professional and Trade Associations and Stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reports of the Annual Meetings of the Maryland State Bar Association, 1896-1991 (Available in the Library's Digital Collections at http://mdlaw.ptfs.com/portal/index.html or at Call Number: KFM1281 .M382 in the Maryland Law Collection)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legislative Study Group Publications (Call Number: LE 9.2 :IR in the MD State Documents Collection)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Documentation from National Legislative Organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (Call Number: KF165 .A2 in the Legal Texts Collection) ▪ American Law Institute's model codes (Search the Library catalog with "American Law Institute" as author and "model code" as title.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Newspapers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Baltimore Sun (online at the Library) ▪ Annapolis Capital (online at the Library) ▪ Daily Record (available in microfilm at the Library) ▪ Maryland Clipper (Call Number: LE4.2: MC in the MD State Documents Collection)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Journal Articles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Index to Legal Periodicals (online at the Library)