Use to find public record of statutes in force in the state of Maryland
The *Maryland Code* can also be found online via the Maryland State Law Library Website:
http://www.lawlib.state.md.us/

**SCOPE**

What information will you find in *The Code*?

- A current Maryland law, when the article and section numbers are known
- A variety of informational footnotes, or “annotations,” which may appear after the text of a specific law; most annotations are abstracted court opinions that interpret the specific statute
- References to appellate court decisions that quote or cite the specific point of law, opinions of the Attorney General of Maryland on a specific law, and/or legal periodical articles on a specific law
- The text of the Maryland and U.S. Constitutions, and references to cases interpreting the Maryland Constitution
- Changes in the current law over a period of time (the legislative history)
- The rules of practice and procedure that govern Maryland courts
- The rules governing admission to the Maryland Bar and the code of ethics for Maryland lawyers and judges
- Changes in title and/or article numbers between the black and maroon sets

**ARRANGEMENT**

*The Code* consists of two separate sets that must be used together: a “black set” and a “maroon set.” (*The Code* is being re-codified, where selected articles are removed from the black set, revised and clarified for the maroon set.)

The black set is also known as “the 1957 edition.” The volumes are arranged in one sequence by numbered articles, so each volume may contain a variety of subjects.

The maroon set is arranged by subject; each volume covers one subject and has a distinct title. Within each volume, there is a sequence of numbered articles.

In both sets, an article is subdivided in the same hierarchical sequence: numbered title, subtitle and section (preceded by §, the section symbol), with further subdivisions as necessary.

**SEARCHING**

Use the two-volume general index to locate laws by subject in either the black or maroon set. If the reference begins with numbers, the law is in the black set. If it begins with letters, it’s in the maroon set. When looking up a subject, remember:

- Use the main or principle subject, not the secondary subject. For example, laws on motor vehicle registration are under motor vehicles, not registration.
- Use the noun, not the adjective. For example, foreign banks is under banks, not foreign.

You can also use the separate index at the back of each maroon volume to locate titles, subtitles, and section numbers for laws in that volume.

Try browsing the table of contents located at the beginning of each article to find applicable laws.

Use the Annotation Citator volume to find subsequent, related cases.

Remember to check the pocket parts in each volume for changes that have occurred.