

MARYLAND

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Online Legal Information

This chart provides status information about free online access to state primary legal materials.

	Session Laws	Code of Statutes	Register	Administrative Code	Appeals Court Opinions	Supreme Court Opinions
Publications Title	Laws of Maryland	Code of Maryland	Maryland Register	Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR)	Maryland Appellate Reports (Court of Special Appeals)	Maryland Reports (Court of Appeals)
Official Status	No	No	No	No	No	No
(Notes)	<p>The Maryland General Assembly website provides that "the 'official' compilation of the laws (Chapters) enacted at each session of the General Assembly is published by the State as the 'Laws of Maryland', commonly referred to as the 'Session Laws'."</p> <p>The General Assembly website provides Session Laws from the 1996 Regular Session to the present.</p>	<p>The Laws of Maryland (Session Laws) are the official laws of the state; however, the Maryland General Assembly's website provides that "this Code and the annotated versions noted below are accepted as 'evidence' of the law in all State courts and by all public offices and officials (See § 10-201 of the Courts & Judicial Proceedings Article). However, in the event of a conflict between the Code and the Session Laws, the Session Laws prevail."</p>	<p>The Maryland Division of State Documents website provides that "[t]his is an official publication of the State of Maryland and is published every two weeks." The website's FAQ section indicates "[t]he online Registers on this web site are reproduced as close to the printed version as possible but may contain errors."</p>	<p>The Maryland Division of State Documents website states that "[u]nder Article, §7-217, Annotated Code of Maryland, the printed version of COMAR is the official and enforceable text. Only the official text may be judicially noticed under Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, §10-203 Annotated Code of Maryland."</p>	<p>Reported opinions are available on the Maryland Courts website, but with the disclaimer that "[r]eported opinions appearing on this website may not be the final, official version of the text of Appellate Court opinions/orders. Only the bound volumes of the Maryland Reports and Maryland Appellate Reports contain the final, official texts of the reported opinions of the Maryland Court of Appeals and the Maryland Court of Special Appeals."</p>	<p>Reported opinions are available on the Maryland Courts website, but with the disclaimer that "[r]eported opinions appearing on this website may not be the final, official version of the text of Appellate Court opinions/orders. Only the bound volumes of the Maryland Reports and Maryland Appellate Reports contain the final, official texts of the reported opinions of the Maryland Court of Appeals and the Maryland Court of Special Appeals."</p>

Authentication	No	No	No	No	No	No
(Notes)						
Online Preservation	No	No	No	No	No	No
(Notes)	Session Laws are available online in pdf.	Current statutes are available in pdf and html format.	Issues of the Maryland Register are available online in htm format.	The regulations are provided in htm format.	The reported opinions are in pdf.	The reported opinions are in pdf.
Permanent Public Access	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
(Notes)	The Maryland State Archives provides online access to archived session laws back to the 1600s.	The Maryland State Archives website has select superseded code volumes available online.	Current practice has only the three most recent issues available online. Archived issues, dating back to October 17, 1974, are available for purchase through the Maryland Division of State Documents. From 1974 through 2003, the Registers are scanned images of the issues and not searchable. Registers from 2004 to the present are searchable pdfs.		Current practice has opinions available from the 1995 filing year to the present. Search options include filters for filing year and a Google Word Search.	Current practice has opinions available from the 1995 filing year to the present. Search options include filters for filing year and a Google Word Search.
Copyright Claimed	No	No	No	No	No	No

(Notes)			<p>Website states that “[a]ll products purchased are for individual use only. Resale or other compensated transfer of the information in printed or electronic form is a prohibited commercial purpose (see State Government Article, §7-206.2, Annotated Code of Maryland). By purchasing a product, the buyer agrees that the purchase is for individual use only and will not sell or give the product to another individual or entity.”</p>			
UELMA Adopted	<p>Yes. The Maryland Uniform Legal Materials Act was introduced and cross-filed as Senate Bill 137 and House Bill 165 during the Maryland General Assembly's 2017 Legislative Session. Both bills passed, and the Governor signed the Act on May 4, 2017. The Maryland Uniform Legal Materials Act took effect on October 1, 2017.</p>					
Universal Citation Adopted	<p>No</p>					

Public Law Libraries in the State

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Public Law Libraries	Website	Phone	Email	Provide Services to Inmates?
Maryland Thurgood Marshall State Law Library	https://mdcourts.gov/lawlib	(410) 260-1430	lawlibrary@mdcourts.gov	Yes
Maryland Circuit Court Law Libraries; staffing differs among the libraries. Check county listing.	https://mdcourts.gov/ccll			