

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added for brevity. It is patterned after HO § 1-101(h).

This definition relates only to the term "physician" as used in this article and has no effect on who may be licensed or authorized to practice medicine. In that regard, see Title 14 of the Health Occupations Article. See also 60 Op. Att'y Gen. 383 (1975), concerning the scope of "physician" for purposes of the Medical Malpractice Insurance Act and Beverungen v. Briele, 25 Md. App. 233 (1975).

(I) SECRETARY.

"SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to avoid repetition of the full title "Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene".

(J) STATE.

"STATE" MEANS:

- (1) A STATE, POSSESSION, OR TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES;
- (2) THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; OR
- (3) THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added to avoid repetition of phrases such as "state, possession, territory, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico" and to standardize similar references throughout this article.

The Commission to Revise the Annotated Code, in revising this article, found in the former law many different descriptions of other jurisdictions outside of this State. On examination, and based on actual practice, the Commission determined that these apparent differences did not reflect legislative intent. Therefore, the Commission uniformly applied this definition to all of these references in this article.

REVISOR'S NOTE TO SECTION: In addition to the definitions contained in this section, which have