

(C) THERE IS A NEED TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND THIS-HIGH QUALITY LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE UNABLE TO AFFORD ADEQUATE LEGAL COUNSEL;

(D) THE AVAILABILITY OF LEGAL SERVICES REAFFIRMS FAITH IN OUR GOVERNMENT OF LAWS;

(E) THE FUNDING OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD LEGAL COUNSEL WILL SERVE THE ENDS OF JUSTICE AND THE GENERAL WELFARE OF ALL MARYLAND CITIZENS; AND

~~(F) -- TO -- PRESERVE -- ITS -- STRENGTH, -- THE -- MARYLAND -- LEGAL SERVICES -- CORPORATION -- MUST -- BE -- KEPT -- FREE -- FROM -- THE -- INFLUENCE OF -- POLITICAL -- PRESSURES, -- AND~~

~~(G)~~ (F) ATTORNEYS PROVIDING LEGAL ASSISTANCE MUST HAVE FULL FREEDOM TO PROTECT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THEIR CLIENTS IN KEEPING WITH THE CODE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND THE HIGH STANDARDS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION.

45C. DEFINITIONS.

IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

(A) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION.

(B) "CORPORATION" MEANS THE MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) "ELIGIBLE CLIENT" MEANS ANY PERSON UNABLE TO AFFORD LEGAL ASSISTANCE AS DETERMINED UNDER § 45G(E) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) "GOVERNOR" MEANS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

(E) "GRANTEE" MEANS ANY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION QUALIFIED UNDER § 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE WHICH PROVIDES LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE CLIENTS AND TO WHICH THE CORPORATION PROVIDES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DESCRIBED IN § 45G(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE LEGAL AID BUREAU, INC.; THE MARYLAND ADVOCACY UNIT FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED, INC.; AND THE MARYLAND VOLUNTEER LAWYERS SERVICE, INC.

(F) "INTERNAL REVENUE CODE" MEANS THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954 AND THE REGULATIONS THEREUNDER.

(G) "LEGAL ASSISTANCE" MEANS THE LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF ELIGIBLE CLIENTS BY GRANTEES AND INCLUDES TRAINING, RESEARCH, COORDINATION WITH PRIVATE ATTORNEYS AND OTHER