

Defined term: "County" § 1-101

REVISOR'S NOTE TO SECTION: Former Art. 27, § 681(4), which defined "[p]rograms" as "the State Use Industries programs provided and administered by the Division" is deleted as unnecessary in light of the unambiguous ways in which this word is used throughout this subtitle.

Former Art. 27, § 681(7) and (8), which defined "goods" and "service", respectively, are deleted as unnecessary because the definitions did not add anything to the meaning of these terms as commonly used.

3-502. LEGISLATIVE POLICY.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE IS TO ESTABLISH A STATE USE INDUSTRIES ORGANIZATION IN THE DIVISION THAT:

(1) IS FINANCIALLY SELF-SUPPORTING, GENERATES REVENUE FOR ITS OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, AND REIMBURSES THE DIVISION AT A REASONABLE RATE FOR SERVICES EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE DIVISION AND STATE USE INDUSTRIES;

(2) PROVIDES MEANINGFUL WORK EXPERIENCES FOR INMATES THAT ARE INTENDED TO ALLOW INMATES TO IMPROVE WORK HABITS, ATTITUDES, AND SKILLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE EMPLOYABILITY OF THE INMATES ON RELEASE;

(3) SEEKS TO DEVELOP INDUSTRIES THAT PROVIDE FULL-TIME WORK EXPERIENCE OR REHABILITATION PROGRAMS FOR ALL ELIGIBLE INMATES;

(4) OPERATES CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT RESEMBLES AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE THE ENVIRONMENT OF PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESS OPERATIONS; AND

(5) MAKES THE DIVISION RESPONSIBLE FOR AND ACCOUNTABLE TO THE SECRETARY AND THE GOVERNOR FOR THE STATE USE INDUSTRIES PROGRAM.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 680.

The Correctional Services Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that the meaning of item (1) of this section, which refers to services "exchanged between" the Division and State Use Industries, is unclear. In current practice, State Use Industries reimburses the Division for services that are provided by the Division to State Use Industries (e.g., overhead expenses). The Division does not reimburse State Use Industries for services provided by State Use Industries to the Division (e.g., training and supervising inmates). The General Assembly may wish to amend item (1) of this section to reflect current practice, i.e., to provide that State Use Industries shall reimburse the Division for services that are provided by the Division to State Use Industries. Alternatively, the General Assembly may wish to amend item (1) of this section to define "reasonable rate" to include consideration of