

## Chapter 496

**(Senate Bill 88)**

AN ACT concerning

**General Provisions – State Designations – Great Seal**

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain statutory translation of the Calvert family motto depicted on the Great Seal of the State; establishing a certain meaning for the Calvert family motto; and generally relating to the Great Seal of the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – General Provisions  
 Section 7–102(b)(1)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2014 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – General Provisions**

7–102.

(b) (1) The reverse of the Great Seal of Maryland depicts:

(i) the family coat of arms for Lord Baltimore, as described in paragraph (2) of this subsection;

(ii) an Earl's coronet placed above the shield indicating George Calvert's status as an earl or a count palatine in Maryland, though only a baron in England;

(iii) above the Earl's coronet, a helmet set full-faced;

(iv) above the helmet, the Calvert crest, which consists of two pennons, or pennants, supported by gules (red) staffs, issuing from the ducal coronet:

1. the dexter (right) pennon, of or (gold); and

2. the other pennon, of sable (black);

(v) a plowman wearing a high-crowned, broad-brimmed beaver hat and holding one side of the shield with his left hand and a spade in his right hand;

(vi) a fisherman wearing a knitted cap somewhat resembling a stocking cap and holding one side of the shield with his right hand and in his left hand a fish that is not specific to any species; and

(vii) at the feet of the plowman and fisherman, a ribbon containing, in Italian, the Calvert family motto, “Fatti maschii parole femine”, [loosely translated as “Manly deeds, womanly words”] **WHICH GENERALLY MEANS “STRONG DEEDS, GENTLE WORDS”**.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.**