



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5033**

*January Session, 2003*

**AN ACT CONCERNING STATUTORY INTERPRETATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) The meaning of a statute  
2 shall, in the first instance, be ascertained from the text of the statute  
3 itself and its relationship to other statutes. If, after examining such text  
4 and considering such relationship, the meaning of such text is plain  
5 and unambiguous and does not yield absurd or unworkable results,  
6 extratextual evidence of the meaning of the statute shall not be  
7 considered.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*