4.6 Ambiguous statutes — interpretation.

If a statute is ambiguous, the court, in determining the intention of the legislature, may consider among other matters:

- 1. The object sought to be attained.
- 2. The circumstances under which the statute was enacted.
- 3. The legislative history.
- 4. The common law or former statutory provisions, including laws upon the same or similar subjects.
 - 5. The consequences of a particular construction.
 - 6. The administrative construction of the statute.
 - 7. The preamble or statement of policy. [C73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §4.6]