

(House Bill 1067)

AN ACT concerning

Wrongful Death - Illegitimate Children

FOR the purpose of providing that an illegitimate child has a right to bring an action under the wrongful death statute for the death of his father as well as his mother, and changing the definition of "child" and "parent" under the wrongful death statute.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 3-901 and 3-904  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1974 Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 3-901 and 3-904 of Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3-901.

(a) In this subtitle, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Child" means a person under 18 years of age and includes an illegitimate child [of a deceased mother].

(c) "Parent" includes the mother AND FATHER of a deceased illegitimate child.

(d) "Person" includes a body politic and corporate if otherwise applicable.

(e) "Wrongful act" means an act, neglect, or default including a felonious act which would have entitled the party injured to maintain an action and recover damages if death had not ensued.