

HEARD. AS TO THESE PARTIES THE CUSTODY DECREE IS CONCLUSIVE AS TO ALL ISSUES OF LAW AND FACT DECIDED AND AS TO THE CUSTODY DETERMINATION MADE UNLESS AND UNTIL THAT DETERMINATION IS MODIFIED PURSUANT TO LAW, INCLUDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

[[3-1012]] 195.

THE COURTS OF THIS STATE SHALL RECOGNIZE AND ENFORCE AN INITIAL OR MODIFICATION DECREE OF A COURT OF ANOTHER STATE WHICH HAD ASSUMED JURISDICTION UNDER STATUTORY PROVISIONS SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE, OR WHICH WAS MADE UNDER FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES MEETING THE JURISDICTIONAL STANDARDS OF THE SUBTITLE, SO LONG AS THIS DECREE HAS NOT BEEN MODIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH JURISDICTIONAL STANDARDS SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THIS SUBTITLE.

[[3-1013]] 196.

(A) IF A COURT OF ANOTHER STATE HAS MADE A CUSTODY DECREE, A COURT OF THIS STATE SHALL NOT MODIFY THAT DECREE UNLESS (1) IT APPEARS TO THE COURT OF THIS STATE THAT THE COURT WHICH RENDERED THE DECREE DOES NOT NOW HAVE JURISDICTION UNDER JURISDICTIONAL PREREQUISITES SUBSTANTIALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE OR HAS DECLINED TO ASSUME JURISDICTION TO MODIFY THE DECREE AND (2) THE COURT OF THIS STATE HAS JURISDICTION.

(B) IF A COURT OF THIS STATE IS AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) AND SECTION [[3-1007]] 186 TO MODIFY A CUSTODY DECREE OF ANOTHER STATE, IT SHALL GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD AND OTHER DOCUMENTS OF ALL PREVIOUS PROCEEDINGS SUBMITTED TO IT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION [[234]] 204.

[[3-1014]] 197.

(A) A CERTIFIED COPY OF A CUSTODY DECREE OF ANOTHER STATE MAY BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF ANY CIRCUIT COURT OF ANY COUNTY OR THE APPROPRIATE COURT OF THE SUPREME BENCH OF BALTIMORE CITY. THE CLERK SHALL TREAT THE DECREE IN THE SAME MANNER AS A CUSTODY DECREE OF SUCH COURT. A CUSTODY DECREE SO FILED HAS THE SAME EFFECT AND SHALL BE ENFORCED IN LIKE MANNER AS A CUSTODY DECREE RENDERED BY A COURT OF THIS STATE.

(B) A PERSON VIOLATING A CUSTODY DECREE OF ANOTHER STATE WHICH MAKES IT NECESSARY TO ENFORCE THE DECREE IN THIS STATE MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY NECESSARY TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES, INCURRED BY THE PARTY ENTITLED TO THE CUSTODY OR HIS WITNESSES.

[[3-1015]] 198.