

(House Bill 447)

AN ACT concerning

Paternity and Child Support

FOR the purpose of enabling the court to order a defendant in a paternity proceeding to contribute to certain medical support of his child; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 16 - Chancery
 Section 66H(a)(3)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1981 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article 16 - Chancery

66H.

(a) (3) In addition to providing for the support and maintenance of the child, the order also may require the defendant to pay all or any part of the mother's medical and hospital [expense] EXPENSES for her pregnancy, confinement, and recovery and for the funeral expenses if the child has died or dies and may award counsel fees to the attorney representing the complainant or petitioner. THE COURT MAY ALSO REQUIRE THE DEFENDANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE MEDICAL SUPPORT OF THE CHILD, INCLUDING NEONATAL EXPENSES, ~~OR TO THE PURCHASE OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR MEDICAL COSTS INCURRED BY THE CHILD, OR BOTH.~~ Costs shall be awarded as in other civil cases in accordance with Rule 604 of the Maryland Rules of Practice and Procedure except that the court, in its discretion, may order that all or any part of the costs shall be paid by the county or City of Baltimore, as the case may be, where the proceedings were instituted.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved May 20, 1982.

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