

(II) THE SEARCH RIGHTS OF ADOPTEES AND PARENTS UNDER § 5-3A-42 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE SEARCH RIGHTS OF ADOPTEES, PARENTS, AND SIBLINGS UNDER SUBTITLE 4B OF THIS TITLE; AND

(III) THE RIGHT TO FILE A DISCLOSURE VETO UNDER § 5-3A-42 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

COMMITTEE NOTE: FL § 5-3A-34(a), (b), and (c) is renumbered as FL § 5-3A-35(a), (b), and (d), to reflect addition of proposed FL § 5-3A-34 and of new subsection (c) of this section. The addition of subsection (c) reinstates former FL § 5-314(a), as it related to consent to adoption under Part III, and ensures that consent is given knowingly, by ensuring that the individual consenting understands the consent being given. As to interpreters in connection with on-the-record consent, see Md. Rule 16-819.

Defined term: "Child" § 5-3A-01

5-3A-36.

(C) ADOPTION OF AN ADULT HAS THE SAME LEGAL EFFECT AS ADOPTION OF A MINOR.

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As to "adult" and "minor", see Art. 1, § 24 of the Code.

5-3A-43. ACCESS FOR ADOPTIVE PARENT.

(A) ALLOWED.

SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ACCESS TO A DENTAL OR MEDICAL RECORD OF AN ADOPTED MINOR MAY NOT BE DENIED TO A PARENT OF THE MINOR BECAUSE THE PARENT IS AN ADOPTIVE PARENT.

(B) LIMIT ON IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

ACCESS TO A DENTAL OR MEDICAL RECORD UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT INCLUDE ACCESS TO ANY PART OF THE RECORD THAT HAS IDENTIFYING INFORMATION AS TO A FORMER PARENT OF THE MINOR.

COMMITTEE NOTE: This section is derived from former FL § 5-329.1.

In subsection (b) of this section, the word "natural", which formerly modified the reference to the former parent, is deleted to reflect that the parental rights of a nonbiological i.e., adoptive parent can be terminated in the same manner as a biological parent's can.

As to "minor", see Art. 1, § 24 of the Code.

Defined terms: "Identifying information" § 5-3A-01