

"Prospective adoptee" § 5-3B-01  
 "State" § 1-101

5-3B-21.

(a) (1) CONSENT OF A PARENT MAY INCLUDE A WAIVER OF RIGHTS TO NOTICE OF:

- (I) THE FILING OF A PETITION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND
- (II) FURTHER PROCEEDINGS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) Consent to adoption under this subtitle is not valid unless the consent:

[(1)] (I) is given after the prospective adoptee is born;

[(2)] (II) is given in a language that the party understands;

[(3)] (III) if given in a language other than English:

[(i)] 1. is given before a judge on the record; or

[(ii)] 2. is accompanied by the affidavit of a translator stating that the translation of the document of consent is accurate;

[(4)] (IV) contains an express notice of:

[(i)] 1. the right to revoke consent, at any time within 30 days after the consent is signed;

[(ii)] 2. the search rights of adoptees and parents under § 5-3B-29 of this subtitle and the search rights of adoptees, siblings, and parents under Subtitle 4B of this title; and

[(iii)] 3. the right to file a disclosure veto under § 5-3B-29 of this subtitle;

[(5)] (V) except as to an adoption by a spouse of the prospective adoptee's parent or a relative of the prospective adoptee, states that the parent has been advised of the parent's rights to:

[(i)] 1. have independent counsel; and

[(ii)] 2. receive adoption counseling and guidance;

[(6)] (VI) states whether the parent chose to have or not have counsel or counseling; and

[(7)] (VII) is accompanied by an affidavit of counsel appointed under § 5-3B-06 of this subtitle stating that a parent who is a minor or has a disability gives consent knowingly and voluntarily.