

In subsection (a)(1)(iii)1 of this section, the former reference to a "natural" 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.

Defined terms: "Child" § 5-301

"Guardianship" § 5-301

"Juvenile court" § 1-101

"Local department" § 1-101

"Parent" § 5-301

"Party" § 5-301

"Person" § 1-101

"State" § 1-101

5-321. CONSENT.

(A) CONTENTS AND ATTACHMENTS.

(1) CONSENT OF A PARENT TO GUARDIANSHIP MAY INCLUDE A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO NOTICE OF:

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

(2) CONSENT TO GUARDIANSHIP ENTERED INTO BEFORE A JUDGE ON THE RECORD SHALL INCLUDE A WAIVER OF A REVOCATION PERIOD.

(3) CONSENT OF A PARTY TO GUARDIANSHIP IS NOT VALID UNLESS:

(I) THE CONSENT IS GIVEN IN A LANGUAGE THAT THE PARTY UNDERSTANDS;

(II) IF GIVEN IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, THE CONSENT:

1. IS GIVEN BEFORE A JUDGE ON THE RECORD; OR

2. IS ACCOMPANIED BY THE AFFIDAVIT OF A TRANSLATOR STATING THAT THE TRANSLATION OF THE DOCUMENT OF CONSENT IS ACCURATE;

(III) THE PARTY HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTICE OR ON THE RECORD NOTICE BEFORE A JUDGE OF:

1. THE REVOCATION PROVISIONS IN SUBSECTIONS (A)(2) AND (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION;

2. THE SEARCH RIGHTS OF ADOPTEES AND PARENTS UNDER § 5-359 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE SEARCH RIGHTS OF ADOPTEES, PARENTS, AND SIBLINGS UNDER SUBTITLE 4B OF THIS TITLE; AND