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Governor

House Bill No. 146

AN ACT concerning

Adoption - Written Instruments - Meaning of "Child"

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing~~ altering a certain date in a provision that limits the meaning of the term "child" or any equivalent term in certain written instruments to certain adopted individuals under certain circumstances; ~~specifying that the term "child" or any equivalent term in a written instrument includes an adopted individual unless the instrument indicates otherwise~~ providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to adoption and the meaning of the term "child" and equivalent terms in written instruments.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Estates and Trusts
Section 1-205 and 1-207(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law
Section 5-308
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2004 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Estates and Trusts

1-205.

A child includes a legitimate child, an adopted child, and an illegitimate child to the extent provided in §§ 1-206 through 1-208 of this title. A child does not include a stepchild, a foster child, or a grandchild or more remote descendant.

1-207.

(a) An adopted child shall be treated as a natural child of his adopting parent or parents. On adoption, a child no longer shall be considered a child of either natural parent, except that upon adoption by the spouse of a natural parent, the child shall still be considered the child of that natural parent.

Article - Family Law