

section and throughout the Code, as many individuals regard "natural parent" to be a pejorative term.

5-304. RELATION TO CHILD CARE ACT.

THIS SUBTITLE IS RELATED TO AND SHOULD BE READ IN RELATION TO SUBTITLE 5 OF THIS TITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 16, § 67(c).

As to the requirements for bringing a child into this State preliminary to possible adoption, see also § 5-604 of this title.

5-305. RESERVED.

5-306. RESERVED.

PART II. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

5-307. WHO MAY BE ADOPTED OR PLACED UNDER GUARDIANSHIP.

(A) ADOPTION.

ANY INDIVIDUAL, WHETHER A MINOR OR AN ADULT, MAY BE ADOPTED.

(B) GUARDIANSHIP.

ONLY A MINOR MAY BE PLACED UNDER A GUARDIANSHIP.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section formerly appeared as Article 16, § 71.

Subsection (b) of this section is new language added to state expressly that which formerly was only implied.

In subsection (a) of this section, the word "individual" is substituted for the former word "person" to make clear that only an individual may be adopted.

No other changes are made.

Defined term: "Guardianship" § 5-301

5-308. LEGAL EFFECT OF ADOPTION.

(A) SCOPE OF SECTION.

THIS SECTION DOES NOT LIMIT THE RIGHT OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY BY WILL.