

(2) the natural father; and

(3) the individual, if the individual is at least 10 years old.

(b) (1) If the natural parents' rights have been terminated by a judicial proceeding, an individual may not be adopted without the consent of:

[[1]] (I) the executive head of the child placement agency that has been awarded guardianship of the individual; and

[[2]] (II) the individual, if the individual is at least 10 years old.

(2) THE EXECUTIVE HEAD OF THE CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY MAY NOT WITHHOLD CONSENT FOR THE SOLE REASON THAT THE RACE OF THE PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS IS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO BE ADOPTED.

(c) In an adoption proceeding:

(1) except when preceded by a final decree of guardianship, the consent of a natural parent may be revoked at any time before a final decree of adoption or an interlocutory decree of adoption bars the right to revoke consent; and

(2) the consent of an individual to be adopted or of a person having guardianship may be revoked at any time before a final decree of adoption or an interlocutory decree of adoption bars the right to revoke consent.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 21, 1985.

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CHAPTER 162

(Senate Bill 279)

AN ACT concerning

Transportation - Elderly and Disabled Handicapped

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation to identify a certain amount within the Department's annual budget to be used for certain transportation service; providing for the allocation and distribution of certain funds to a locality; requiring a