

CHAPTER 731

(House Bill 624)

AN ACT concerning

Adoption - Consent of Natural Parent - Revocation

FOR the purpose of altering the period of time during which a consent to an adoption may be revoked after the consent has been filed; prohibiting an individual or agency from revoking consent to an adoption under a certain condition; and generally relating to revocation of consent to an adoption.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law
Section 5-311
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article - Family Law

5-311.

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

- (1) the natural mother;
- (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:

- (i) the executive head of the child placement agency that has been awarded guardianship of the individual; and
- (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.