

establishment and maintenance of the registry; providing that the director may contract with child placement agencies to perform certain duties; providing for the operation of the registry; authorizing partial matches under certain circumstances; establishing matching procedures; providing for the scope of information to be obtained by the registry; directing the Administration to set a certain fee; providing for a delayed effective date for this Act; and generally relating to the Mutual Consent Voluntary Adoption Registry.

BY adding to

Article - Family Law

Section 5-4A-01 through 5-4A-07 to be under the new subtitle
"Subtitle 4A. Mutual Consent Voluntary Adoption
Registry"

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

SUBTITLE 4A. MUTUAL CONSENT VOLUNTARY ADOPTION REGISTRY

5-4A-01.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "ADMINISTRATION" MEANS THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) "ADOPTEE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL:

(1) WHO WAS ADOPTED IN THIS STATE; OR

(2) WHO WAS PLACED FOR ADOPTION BY:

(I) A CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY LICENSED IN THIS STATE; OR

(II) A LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

(D) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

(E) "IDENTIFYING INFORMATION" MEANS INFORMATION THAT REVEALS THE IDENTITY OR LOCATION OF AN ADOPTEE, THE NATURAL PARENTS OF AN ADOPTEE, OR A NATURAL SIBLING.

(F) "LOCAL DEPARTMENT" MEANS A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR A COUNTY.

(G) "NATURAL FATHER" MEANS A MAN WHO: