

the juvenile proceeding; providing that, if a person is notified of the filing of a petition for adoption or a petition for guardianship and fails to file a notice of objection within a certain period of time, the court shall consider the person to have consented to the adoption or guardianship and treat the petition in a certain manner; and generally relating to procedures involving notice of petitions for adoption or guardianship.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law  
Section 5-322  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1984 Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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

Article - Family Law

5-322.

(a) (1) (I) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a petitioner shall give to each person whose consent is required notice of the filing of a petition for adoption or a petition for guardianship.

(II) IN ADDITION TO THE NOTICE OF FILING REQUIRED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF A PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP IS FILED AFTER A JUVENILE PROCEEDING IN WHICH THE CHILD HAS BEEN ADJUDICATED TO BE A CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE, A NEGLECTED CHILD, OR AN ABUSED CHILD, A PETITIONER SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF THE FILING OF THE PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP TO THE ATTORNEY WHO REPRESENTED A NATURAL PARENT IN THE JUVENILE PROCEEDING.

(2) A person whose consent is filed with the petition need not be given notice if the consent includes a waiver of the right to notice of the filing of the petition.

(3) The petitioner shall give notice by entry and service of a show cause order sent to the last known address that the petitioner has for each person.

(b) (1) Except in an independent adoption, if the court is satisfied by affidavit or testimony that the petitioner, after reasonable efforts in good faith, cannot learn the identity or location of a natural parent, the court may waive the requirement of notice to the natural parent.