

VETOES

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law
Section 10-319
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

10-319.

(A) If the obligee is absent from the responding state and the obligor presents evidence that constitutes a defense, the court shall continue the case for further hearing and the submission of evidence by both parties.

(B) IF THE OBLIGOR IS ALLEGED TO BE THE FATHER OF THE CHILD FOR WHOM SUPPORT IS SOUGHT AND THE OBLIGOR ASSERTS AS A DEFENSE THAT HE IS NOT THE FATHER OF THE CHILD, THE COURT MAY--

~~(1) ADJUDICATE THE ISSUE OF PATERNITY, IF BOTH PARTIES ARE PRESENT AT THE HEARING OR THE PROOF REQUIRED INDICATES THAT THE PRESENCE OF ANY ABSENT PARTY IS NOT NECESSARY, OR~~

~~(2) ADJOURN THE HEARING UNTIL THE ISSUE OF PATERNITY IS ADJUDICATED.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may now be applied or interpreted to have any affect upon any cause of action arising before July 1, 1987.~~

SECTION 3. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

June 2, 1987

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker: