

VETOES

Attorney to take certain action if the State's Attorney intends to introduce the results of a blood test in a paternity proceeding without the presence of the laboratory technician; requiring an alleged father to take certain action if he desires the presence of the laboratory technician in a paternity proceeding; providing that, under certain circumstances, the failure of an alleged father to request the presence of a laboratory technician waives his right to the presence of a laboratory technician; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the admissibility of the results of a blood test without the presence of a laboratory technician in a paternity proceeding.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law
Section 5-1029
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

5-1029.

(a) On the motion of a party to the proceeding or on its own motion, the court shall order the mother, child, and alleged father to submit to blood tests to determine whether the alleged father can be excluded as being the father of the child.

(b) The blood tests shall be made in a laboratory selected by the court from a list of laboratories provided by the Administration.

(c) The laboratory shall report the results of each blood test in writing and in the form the court requires.

(d) A copy of the results of each blood test shall be provided to the parties or their counsel in the manner that the court directs.

(e) (1) The results of each blood test shall be received in evidence if:

(i) definite exclusion is established; or

(ii) the testing is sufficiently extensive to exclude 97.3% of alleged fathers who are not biological fathers,