

CHAPTER 546

(Senate Bill 46)

AN ACT concerning

Paternity Proceedings - Blood Tests

FOR the purpose of providing that the laboratory report of a blood test in a paternity proceeding is admissible in evidence without the presence of a doctor or technician from the laboratory that prepared the report under certain circumstances; providing that when the laboratory report is admitted in evidence, a doctor or technician from the laboratory that prepared the report is subject to cross examination under certain circumstances; ~~providing--that certain laboratories shall be deemed to have consented to provide a doctor or technician to testify at the trial of a paternity proceeding when given a certain notice;~~ and generally relating to the admission in evidence of the laboratory report of a blood test in paternity proceedings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law
 Section 5-1029
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1984 Volume and 1988 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. ~~A LABORATORY ON THE LIST SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE CONSENTED TO PROVIDE A DOCTOR OR TECHNICIAN TO TESTIFY AT TRIAL WHEN GIVEN NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (E)(3)(II) OF THIS SECTION.~~