

(2) This presumption may be rebutted in the manner specified in § 17-108(a)(5) and (6).]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1994.

Approved May 2, 1994.

CHAPTER 234

(House Bill 204)

AN ACT concerning

Adoption and Guardianship Proceedings – Revocation of Consent

FOR the purpose of providing that the time period for revocation of consent to adopt or to guardianship runs from the date the consent is signed; eliminating a provision providing for termination of right to consent by certain final decrees; altering the time period for a court to enter certain final decrees after the birth of the individual; altering provisions of law to prohibit a court from entering certain final decrees until the time period for revocation has run after certain time periods; and generally relating to revocation of consent to adoption or to guardianship.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 5-311, 5-317(e), and 5-324

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

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

Article – Family Law

5-311.

(a) Unless the natural parents' rights have been terminated by a judicial proceeding, an individual may not be adopted without the consent of:

- (1) the natural mother;
- (2) the natural father; and
- (3) the individual, if the individual is at least 10 years old.

(b) (1) If the natural parents' rights have been terminated by a judicial proceeding, an individual may not be adopted without the consent of:

- (i) the executive head of the child placement agency that has been awarded guardianship of the individual; and