

Chapter 293 of the Acts of 1994

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1994. [It shall remain effective for a period of one year and, at the end of June 30, 1996, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1995.

Approved May 9, 1995.

CHAPTER 227

(House Bill 123)

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Child Abduction

FOR the purpose of altering the age of a child to whom certain provisions of law relating to child abduction apply; and generally relating to abduction of a child by a relative from the lawful custodian of the child.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 9-301, 9-304, and 9-305

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

Article – Family Law

9-301.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) (1) "Lawful custodian" means a person who is authorized to have custody of and exercise control over a child who is under the age of [12] 16 years.

(2) "Lawful custodian" includes a person who is authorized to have custody by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction in this State or any other state.

(c) "Relative" means:

(1) a parent;

(2) a grandparent or other ancestor;

(3) a brother;