

Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 74**

AN ACT concerning

**Family Law – Child Placement Agency – Guardianship**

FOR the purpose of ~~repealing a certain definition;~~ authorizing a child placement agency to consent to ~~adoption;~~ joint guardianship, custody, or other long-term placement of a child under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to award joint guardianship, custody, or other long-term placement under certain circumstances; providing that if joint guardianship is awarded to a caregiver, the child placement agency shall retain guardianship with the right to consent to adoption or long-term care short of adoption; altering a provision that specifies a circumstance under which certain reports, notices, and hearings regarding long-term placement of a child will not be required; defining a certain term; and generally relating to child placement agencies and guardianship.

BY repealing

Article – Family Law

~~Section 5-301(e)~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1991 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 5-317(f) and 5-319(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section ~~5-301(e)~~ and 5-319(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article – Family Law

Section ~~5-301(f)~~ 5-301(g) through (i), respectively

to be Section ~~5-301(e) through (h)~~ 5-301(h) through (j), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

BY adding to