

(E) UNLESS THE PARTIES STIPULATE OTHERWISE, ANY INFORMATION ABOUT A PARTY, INCLUDING STATEMENTS OR REPORTS, OBTAINED FROM AN EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION, IS NOT ADMISSIBLE DURING THE ACTION FOR DIVORCE OF THAT PARTY.

(F) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THE PARTIES TO AN ACTION FOR DIVORCE TO ATTEND THE EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR TOGETHER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any actions for divorce filed before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

CHAPTER 324

(Senate Bill 85)

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Assessment Appeals

FOR the purpose of altering the procedures governing the postponement of property assessment appeal hearings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 1-402(7)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

Article – Tax – Property

1-402.

Property owners in this State have the following rights:

(7) the right to postponement of an assessment appeal hearing [up to 3 times] ONE TIME WITHOUT CAUSE at the property owner's request, and additional [postponement] POSTPONEMENTS only for good cause;

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.