

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Family Law

Section 5-4A-01 through 5-4A-08, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
"Subtitle 4A. Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance"

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1991 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 5-4A-01 through 5-4A-07 and the subtitle "Subtitle 4A. Mutual Consent Voluntary Adoption Registry", respectively, of Article - Family Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 5-4C-01 through 5-4C-07 and the subtitle "Subtitle 4C. Mutual Consent Voluntary Adoption Registry", respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

SUBTITLE 4A. INTERSTATE COMPACT ON ADOPTION AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

5-4A-01.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "ADMINISTRATION" MEANS THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) "ADOPTION ASSISTANCE STATE" MEANS THE STATE THAT IS SIGNATORY TO AN ADOPTION ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT IN A PARTICULAR CASE.

(D) "RESIDENCE STATE" MEANS THE STATE WHERE THE CHILD LIVES.

5-4A-02.

(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) LOCATING ADOPTIVE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE STATE ASSISTANCE AND ASSURING THE PROTECTION OF THE INTERESTS OF THE CHILDREN AFFECTED DURING THE ENTIRE ASSISTANCE PERIOD REQUIRES SPECIAL MEASURES WHEN THE ADOPTIVE PARENTS MOVE TO OTHER STATES OR ARE RESIDENTS OF ANOTHER STATE; AND

(2) PROVIDING MEDICAL AND OTHER NECESSARY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, WITH STATE ASSISTANCE, IS MORE DIFFICULT WHEN THE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN OTHER STATES.

(B) THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE TO: