

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

Article - Estates and Trusts

13-705.

(c) (1) Procedures and venue in these cases shall be as described by Title 10, Chapters 100 and 200 of the Maryland Rules.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF A DISABLED PERSON SHALL INCLUDE SIGNED AND VERIFIED CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY FROM THE FOLLOWING HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS:

(I) TWO LICENSED PHYSICIANS WHO HAVE EXAMINED THE DISABLED PERSON; OR

(II) ONE LICENSED PHYSICIAN WHO HAS EXAMINED THE DISABLED PERSON AND ONE LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST WHO HAS EVALUATED THE DISABLED PERSON.

(3) AN EXAMINATION OR EVALUATION BY AT LEAST ONE OF THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL OCCUR WITHIN 21 DAYS BEFORE FILING A PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF A DISABLED PERSON.

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 a petition for guardianship of a disabled person filed before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 27, 1999.

CHAPTER 619

(House Bill 302)

AN ACT concerning

Victims' Rights - Juvenile Hearings and Dispositions

FOR the purpose of requiring that certain victims be notified of certain ~~juvenile proceedings~~ waiver hearings involving a child; granting ~~certain~~ victims the right to be present and to address the court at certain juvenile proceedings; ~~requiring~~ authorizing a victim to submit a victim impact statement to the court in certain ~~waiver hearings involving a child~~; authorizing the court to consider ~~certain~~