

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation

24.

(a) (1) Except as PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION OR AS otherwise specifically provided by statute, a person eighteen years of age or more is an adult for all purposes whatsoever and has the same legal capacity, rights, powers, privileges, duties, liabilities, and responsibilities as prior to July 1, 1973, persons had at twenty-one years of age, and the "age of majority" is hereby declared to be eighteen years.

(2) A PERSON WHO HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF 18 YEARS AND WHO IS ENROLLED IN SECONDARY SCHOOL HAS THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE FROM BOTH OF THE PERSON'S PARENTS UNTIL THE FIRST TO OCCUR OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

(I) THE PERSON DIES;

(II) THE PERSON MARRIES;

(III) THE PERSON IS EMANCIPATED;

(IV) THE PERSON GRADUATES FROM OR IS NO LONGER ENROLLED IN SECONDARY SCHOOL; OR

(V) THE PERSON ATTAINS THE AGE OF 19 YEARS.

(b) (1) The terms "adult", "of full age", or "of legal age" refer to persons who have attained the age of eighteen years.

(2) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION, THE term "minor", as it pertains to legal age and capacity, refers to persons who have not attained the age of eighteen years.

Article - Family Law

5-203.

(b) The parents of a minor child, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 1, SECTION 24 OF THE CODE:

(1) are jointly and severally responsible for the child's support, care, nurture, welfare, and education; and

(2) have the same powers and duties in relation to the child.