

Article - Family Law

Section 5-313.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

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Section ~~5-313.1~~ and 5-326

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BY adding to

Article - Family Law

Section 5-326.1

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Article - Health - General

Section 4-211(i)

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

Article - Family Law

5-313.1.

A (A) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE AN ADOPTING PARENT TO PETITION A COURT IN THIS STATE FOR ADOPTION OF A CHILD IF:

(1) THE CHILD WAS ADOPTED UNDER THE LAWS OF A JURISDICTION OR COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES; AND

(2) THE VALIDITY OF THE FOREIGN ADOPTION HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY THE GRANTING OF AN IR-3 VISA FOR THE CHILD BY THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE UNDER THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.

(B) IF AN ADOPTING PARENT CHOOSES TO FILE A PETITION FOR ADOPTION IN THIS STATE, A court may grant a decree of adoption or a decree of guardianship without requiring the consent of a natural parent otherwise required under §§ 5-311 and 5-317 of this subtitle if the petitioner files with the petition for adoption or guardianship a decree of adoption, guardianship, or termination of parental rights