

Family Law - Child Support - Age of Majority

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions of law defining the age of majority to provide that a person who has attained the age of 18 years and who is enrolled in secondary school has a right to support and maintenance until the first of certain events occur; establishing that this Act shall be considered a material change in circumstances for purposes of modifying a child support order issued before the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to child support.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 1 - Rules of Interpretation

Section 24

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume)

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Article - Family Law

Section 5-203(b)

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.