

located constitutes a consent to termination of parental rights; and generally relating to guardianship with the right to consent to adoption.

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Section 5-322(c)

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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

5-322.

(b) (1) Except in an independent adoption, if the court is satisfied by affidavit or testimony that the petitioner, after reasonable efforts in good faith, cannot learn the identity or location of a natural parent, the court may waive the requirement of notice to the natural parent.

(2) In an independent adoption, if the court is satisfied by affidavit or testimony that the petitioner, after reasonable efforts in good faith, cannot learn the identity or location of a natural parent, the court may not waive the requirement of notice to the natural parent, but the court shall:

(i) order notice by publication; or

(ii) if the court finds the petitioner to be indigent, order notice by posting.

(c) If a person is notified under this section and fails to file notice of objection within the time stated in the show cause order OR IF A PERSON'S NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN WAIVED UNDER PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SECTION:

(1) the court shall consider the person who is notified OR WHOSE NOTICE IS WAIVED to have consented to the adoption or to the guardianship; and

(2) the petition shall be treated in the same manner as a petition [in] TO which consent has been [granted] GIVEN.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.