

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 194

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “divorce” insert “; and authorizing the court, as a condition precedent to granting an absolute divorce on certain grounds, to assess certain costs and to require the parties to participate in certain efforts to achieve reconciliation”; and after line 8, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Family Law

Section 7-103(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 24, insert:

“(F) AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO GRANTING A DECREE OF ABSOLUTE DIVORCE ON THE GROUND OF CRUELTY OF TREATMENT OR EXCESSIVELY VICIOUS CONDUCT, THE COURT MAY:

(1) REQUIRE THE PARTIES TO PARTICIPATE IN GOOD FAITH IN THE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE RECONCILIATION THAT THE COURT PRESCRIBES; AND

(2) ASSESS THE COSTS OF ANY EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE RECONCILIATION THAT THE COURT PRESCRIBES.”.