

HOUSE BILL 1185

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By: **Delegate Dumais**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Application for Divorce – Residency Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of reducing the period of time, under certain circumstances, that a party
4 to an application for divorce must reside in the State before the application may be
5 filed; and generally relating to applications for divorce.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Family Law
8 Section 7–101(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Family Law**

14 7–101.

15 (a) If the grounds for the divorce occurred outside of this State, a party may not
16 apply for a divorce unless **[1] ONE** of the parties has resided in this State for at least **[1**
17 **year] 6 MONTHS** before the application is filed.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.