

# HOUSE BILL 1183

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Divorce – Restoration of Former Name**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the court, on motion of a party at any time after a final  
4 decree of absolute divorce is entered, to change the name of the party to a certain  
5 former name under certain circumstances; specifying that certain provisions of law  
6 relating to a change of name do not apply to a change of name in connection with a  
7 decree of absolute divorce; and generally relating to divorce and the restoration of a  
8 former name.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Family Law  
11 Section 7–105  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Family Law**

17 7–105.

18 **(A)** In granting a decree of absolute divorce **OR ON MOTION OF A PARTY AT ANY**  
19 **TIME AFTER A FINAL DECREE OF ABSOLUTE DIVORCE IS ENTERED**, the court shall  
20 change the name of a party to either the name given the party at birth or any other former  
21 name the party wishes to use if:

22 (1) the party took a new name on marriage and no longer wishes to use it;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) the party asks for the change of name; and

2 (3) the purpose of the party is not illegal, fraudulent, or immoral.

3 **(B) THE PROVISIONS OF MARYLAND RULE 15-901 RELATING TO AN ACTION**  
4 **FOR A CHANGE OF NAME DO NOT APPLY TO A CHANGE OF NAME UNDER THIS**  
5 **SECTION.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 October 1, 2016.