SENATE BILL 359

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By: Senator Zirkin

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2016

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Family Law – Divorce –	Corro	boration	of Test	timony	and Filing	Procedures

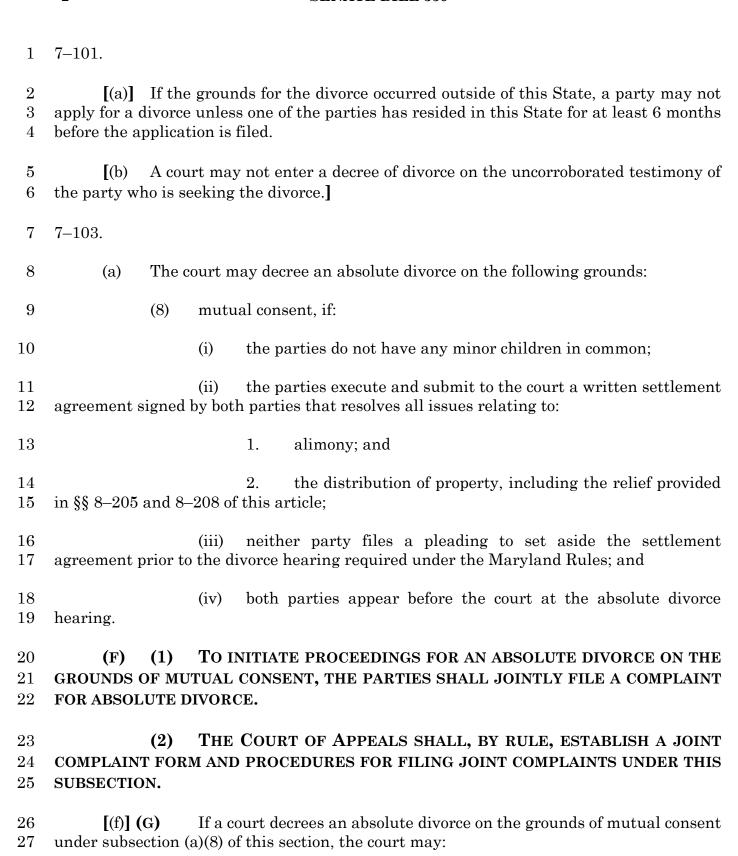
- 3 FOR the purpose of repealing the prohibition on a court entering a decree of divorce on the
- 4 uncorroborated testimony of the party seeking the divorce; requiring parties to
- jointly file a certain complaint in order to initiate proceedings for an absolute divorce
- on the grounds of mutual consent; requiring the Court of Appeals to establish a
- 7 certain joint complaint form and procedures for filing certain joint complaints; and
- 8 generally relating to divorce.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article Family Law
- 11 Section 7–101 and 7–103(f)
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 15 Article Family Law
- 16 Section 7–103(a)(8)
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
- 19 BY adding to

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- 20 Article Family Law
- 21 Section 7–103(f)
- 22 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 23 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)
- 24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 25 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law





28 (1) merge or incorporate the settlement agreement into the divorce decree; 29 and

- 1 (2) modify or enforce the settlement agreement consistent with Title 8, 2 Subtitle 1 of this article.
- 3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 4 October 1, 2016.