

SB0574/708275/1

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 574
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 14 down through “child;” in line 15; in line 17, strike “authorizing” and substitute “requiring”; in line 19, after “circumstances;” insert “authorizing the court to stay or postpone a trial on termination of parental rights for good cause;”; and strike beginning with “that” in line 20 down through “respondent” in line 21.

On page 2, strike beginning with “establishing” in line 1 down through the “indigent;” in line 3.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 20, strike the first comma and substitute “OR”; and in the same line, strike “, OR § 3-323”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 29, strike “THE MARYLAND RULES” and substitute “§ 5-1403(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE”.

On page 4, in line 14, strike “(3)” and substitute “(2)”; in line 15, strike “WHEN” and substitute “THE RESPONDENT SHALL BE SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 2-121(A)(1) OF THE MARYLAND RULES.”

(2) (I) WHEN”;

in line 16, before “HAVE” insert “IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION”; in line 21, strike “(2)” and substitute “(II)”; in line 22, strike

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“SUBSECTION” and substitute “PARAGRAPH”; and strike in their entirety lines 24 and 25.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 13, after the semicolon insert “OR”; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 16 down through “CONCEPTION” in line 20.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, strike beginning with the comma in line 29 down through “ATTORNEY” in line 30.

On page 4, in line 1, strike “(1)”; in lines 1 and 2, strike “FILED BY A PARENT”; in line 2, strike “7” and substitute “3”; in lines 4 and 6, strike “(I)” and “(II)”, respectively, and substitute “(1)” and “(2)”, respectively; strike in their entirety lines 8 through 13, inclusive; and in lines 14 and 26, strike “(D)” and “(E)”, respectively, and substitute “(C)” and “(D)”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 1 and 2 and substitute:

“(II) SHALL ADVISE THE RESPONDENT THAT:

1. THE RESPONDENT MAY REFUSE TO TESTIFY OR TO OFFER EVIDENCE; AND

2. NO ADVERSE INFERENCE MAY BE DRAWN FROM THE RESPONDENT’S REFUSAL TO TESTIFY OR TO OFFER EVIDENCE.”;

in line 22, strike “THAT MAY INCRIMINATE THE RESPONDENT”; and strike beginning with “IF” in line 29 down through “IMPEACHMENT” in line 33.

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AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 5, in line 7, strike “PARAGRAPH” and substitute “PARAGRAPHS”; in the same line, after “(2)” insert “AND (3)”; strike beginning with “OR” in line 10 down through “PROCEED” in line 11; in line 16, strike “MAY” and substitute “SHALL”; and after line 18, insert:

“(3) THE COURT MAY STAY OR POSTPONE A TRIAL ON TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR GOOD CAUSE.”

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 6, in line 4, strike “(1)”; and strike in their entirety lines 7 through 9, inclusive.