

Chapter 507

**(Senate Bill 581)**

AN ACT concerning

**Action for Change of Name – Waiver of Publication Requirement**

FOR the purpose of requiring a court to waive a certain publication requirement in a certain action for change of name under certain circumstances; and generally relating to actions for change of name.

BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 3–2201 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 22. Change of Name – Waiver of Publication Requirement”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

**SUBTITLE 22. CHANGE OF NAME – WAIVER OF PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT.**

**3–2201.**

**ON MOTION BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS FILED AN ACTION FOR CHANGE OF NAME UNDER MARYLAND RULE 15–901, THE COURT SHALL WAIVE THE PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT UNDER THE RULE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.**