

February 13, 2018

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On February 13, 2018, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

**SB 2**

Chapter 3

**Senator Feldman, et al**

**FAMILY LAW – CHILD CONCEIVED WITHOUT CONSENT –  
TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS (RAPE SURVIVOR  
FAMILY PROTECTION ACT)**

Authorizing a court, under certain circumstances, to terminate the parental rights of an individual convicted of or found to have committed an act of nonconsensual sexual conduct against the other parent that resulted in the conception of a child; specifying that a termination of parental rights terminates completely certain rights and the parent's responsibility to support the child, including payment of child support; requiring the court to refer an unrepresented parent to legal services or to appoint counsel; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

**HB 1**  
Chapter 4

**Delegate Dumais, et al**

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**EMERGENCY BILL**

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber  
Executive Director