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By: **Senator Frosh**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Intestate Succession - Failure to Support Child**

3 FOR the purpose of precluding a parent from inheriting through a child if the parent  
4 has abandoned, deserted, or continuously refused to support the child or has  
5 refused to acknowledge the child as the parent's own; providing for the  
6 application of this Act; and generally relating to intestate succession.

7 BY adding to  
8 Article - Estates and Trusts  
9 Section 3-111  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Estates and Trusts**

15 3-111.

16 INHERITANCE FROM OR THROUGH A CHILD BY A NATURAL OR ADOPTIVE  
17 PARENT IS PRECLUDED IF THE PARENT HAS ABANDONED, DESERTED, OR  
18 CONTINUOUSLY REFUSED TO SUPPORT THE CHILD OR REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE  
19 THE CHILD AS THE PARENT'S OWN.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act  
21 shall apply to any administrative and judicial probate proceedings instituted on or  
22 after October 1, 1999.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 1999.