BY: House Judiciary Committee

<u>AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 396</u>
(First Reading File Bill)

<u>AMENDMENT NO. 1</u>

On page 1, in line 3, after "of" insert "<u>providing that certain provisions of law may not be</u> <u>construed to require a certain adopting parent to file a certain petition for adoption; providing that a</u> <u>certain provision of law applies only if an adopting parent chooses to file a certain petition;</u>"; in line 6, after "circumstances" insert "<u>by an adopting parent who is a resident of this State</u>"; after line 8, insert:

"<u>BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,</u>
         <u>Article - Family Law</u>
         <u>Section 5-313.1</u>
         <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u>
         <u>(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)</u>";

and in line 11, strike "5-313.1 and".

<u>AMENDMENT NO. 2</u>

On page 2, in line 3, strike "A" and substitute "<u>(A)</u> NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE AN ADOPTING PARENT TO PETITION A COURT IN THIS STATE FOR ADOPTION OF A CHILD IF:

         (1)   THE CHILD WAS ADOPTED UNDER THE LAWS OF A JURISDICTION OR COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE UNITED STATES; AND

         (2)   THE VALIDITY OF THE FOREIGN ADOPTION HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY THE GRANTING OF AN IR-3 VISA FOR THE CHILD BY THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE UNDER THE IMMIGRATION AND

NATIONALITY ACT.

(B)   IF AN ADOPTING PARENT CHOOSES TO FILE A PETITION FOR ADOPTION IN THIS STATE, A".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 29, after "(II)" insert "1."; and in line 32, after "ACT" insert "; AND

2.   BY AN ADOPTING PARENT WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 13, after "(II)" insert "A CERTIFIED TRANSLATION OF THE FOREIGN ADOPTION DECREE;

(III)";

in lines 14 and 15, strike "(III)" and "(IV)", respectively, and substitute "(IV)" and "(V)", respectively; in line 14, strike "AND"; and in line 17, after "PREPARED" insert "; AND

(VI)   PROOF THAT THE ADOPTING PARENT IS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE".