

CHAPTER 242

(House Bill 536)

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Paternity – Dependent Disabled Child

FOR the purpose of establishing that a proceeding to establish paternity of a child who is dependent on a parent because of a mental or physical infirmity may be begun at any time before ~~or after~~ the child's ~~eighteenth~~ twenty-first birthday; and generally relating to paternity of a disabled child.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 5–1006

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2006 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Family Law

5–1006.

(a) **[A] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, A** proceeding to establish paternity of a child under this subtitle may be begun at any time before the child's eighteenth birthday.

(b) A paternity proceeding under this subtitle may be begun during pregnancy.

(c) A complaint under this subtitle is not barred because the child born out of wedlock was conceived or born outside this State.

(D) A PROCEEDING TO ESTABLISH PATERNITY OF A CHILD WHO IS DEPENDENT ON A PARENT BECAUSE OF A MENTAL OR PHYSICAL INFIRMITY MAY BE BEGUN AT ANY TIME BEFORE ~~OR AFTER~~ THE CHILD'S ~~EIGHTEENTH~~ TWENTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2007.