

# HOUSE BILL 872

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By: **Delegate Carter**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2013

Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Modification of Child Custody or Denial of Visitation –**  
3 **Expedited Hearings**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a court to hold a certain hearing within a certain period  
5 of time after a certain petition for modification of a child custody order or an  
6 order denying visitation is filed; and generally relating to expedited hearings for  
7 modifications to child custody orders and orders denying visitation.

8 BY adding to  
9 Article – Family Law  
10 Section 9–109  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article – Family Law**

16 **9–109.**

17 **IF A PARTY PETITIONS THE COURT FOR MODIFICATION OF A CHILD**  
18 **CUSTODY ORDER OR AN ORDER DENYING VISITATION, THE COURT SHALL HOLD**  
19 **A HEARING ON THE PETITION WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE PETITION IS FILED.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2013.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

