

# HOUSE BILL 1735

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By: **Delegate McMillan**

Introduced and read first time: February 21, 2018

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Civil Actions – Name Change Not in Connection With Divorce or Adoption**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a court to give special consideration to certain objections as  
4 potential evidence of fraudulent intent in considering a petition for a change of name  
5 not related to divorce or adoption; providing for the application of this Act; and  
6 generally relating to a petition for a change of name.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

9 Section 6–412

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 **6–412.**

16 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A CIVIL PETITION FOR A CHANGE OF NAME**  
17 **UNDER THE COMMON LAW THAT IS NOT RELATED TO A DIVORCE PROCEEDING OR AN**  
18 **ADOPTION PROCEEDING UNDER THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE.**

19 **(B) IN CONSIDERING A PETITION FOR A CHANGE OF NAME, THE COURT**  
20 **SHALL GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AS POTENTIAL EVIDENCE OF FRAUDULENT**  
21 **INTENT TO AN OBJECTION TO THE PETITION CLAIMING THAT THE PETITIONER IS**  
22 **SEEKING TO ADOPT:**

23 **(1) THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL FILING THE OBJECTION; OR**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(2) THE NAME OF A RELATIVE OF THE INDIVIDUAL FILING THE**  
2 **OBJECTION WHO HAS DIED WITHIN 1 YEAR BEFORE THE FILING OF THE PETITION.**

3                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2018.