

# HOUSE BILL 427

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Action for Change of Name – Waiver of Publication Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a court to waive a certain publication requirement in a certain  
4 action for change of name under certain circumstances; and generally relating to  
5 actions for change of name.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

8 Section 3–2201 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 22. Change of Name – Waiver  
9 of Publication Requirement”

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2019 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 **SUBTITLE 22. CHANGE OF NAME – WAIVER OF PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT.**

16 **3–2201.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1           **ON MOTION BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS FILED AN ACTION FOR CHANGE OF**  
2 **NAME UNDER MARYLAND RULE 15-901, THE COURT SHALL WAIVE THE**  
3 **PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT UNDER THE RULE.**

4           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 October 1, 2020.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.