

HOUSE BILL 760

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By: **Delegate Dumais**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2014

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Out-of-State Civil Unions – Applicability of Domestic Relations**
3 **Laws**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing that parties to a civil union validly entered into in
5 another state or country shall be subject to the law of domestic relations of this
6 State to the same degree and in the same manner as prescribed under the law
7 of this State for married individuals; and generally relating to out-of-state civil
8 unions and applicability of domestic relations laws.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Family Law
11 Section 1–204
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Family Law**

17 **1–204.**

18 **PARTIES TO A CIVIL UNION VALIDLY ENTERED INTO IN ANOTHER STATE**
19 **OR COUNTRY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE LAW OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS OF THIS**
20 **STATE, INCLUDING ANNULMENT, SEPARATION AND DIVORCE, ALIMONY,**
21 **PROPERTY DISPOSITION, AND CHILD CUSTODY, VISITATION, AND SUPPORT TO**
22 **THE SAME DEGREE AND IN THE SAME MANNER AS PRESCRIBED UNDER THE LAW**
23 **OF THIS STATE FOR MARRIED INDIVIDUALS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2014.