

# HOUSE BILL 83

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By: **Delegate Lafferty**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Action for Change of Name – Minors – Prohibition of Publication Requirement**

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

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  
9 – Prohibition of Publication Requirement”

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2018 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 – PROHIBITION OF PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT.**

16 **3–2201.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PARENT” MEANS ~~A~~:**

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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           **(1) A NATURAL ~~OR ADOPTIVE~~ PARENT, ADOPTIVE, OR DE FACTO**  
 2 **PARENT WHOSE PARENTAL RIGHTS HAVE NOT BEEN TERMINATED; OR**

3           **(2) ANY OTHER PERSON RECOGNIZED BY LAW AS A PARENT WHOSE**  
 4 **PARENTAL RIGHTS HAVE NOT BEEN TERMINATED.**

5           **(B) IN AN ACTION FOR CHANGE OF NAME BROUGHT UNDER MARYLAND**  
 6 **RULE 15-901, THE COURT MAY NOT REQUIRE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE IF:**

7           **(1) THE PERSON WHOSE NAME IS SOUGHT TO BE CHANGED IS A**  
 8 **MINOR;**

9           **(2) (I) EACH PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR CONSENTS TO**  
 10 **THE PROPOSED CHANGE OF NAME; OR**

11           **(II) THE COURT FINDS THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE**  
 12 **MINOR TO CONSIDER THE ACTION FOR A CHANGE OF NAME WITHOUT PUBLICATION**  
 13 **OF NOTICE;**

14           **(3) THE MINOR HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME AS AN ADULT;**  
 15 **AND**

16           **(4) THE MINOR HAS NEVER REGISTERED AS A SEX OFFENDER.**

17           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 18 October 1, 2019.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.