HOUSE BILL 1297

D4 7lr2963 By: Delegates Valentino-Smith, Atterbeary, Dumais, McComas, and Sanchez Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2017 Assigned to: Judiciary Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: March 13, 2017 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning Domestic Violence - Petitioner - Attorney for Child FOR the purpose of expanding the list of "petitioners" under the domestic violence statutes who may seek relief from abuse on behalf of a minor child to include an attorney appointed by the court in certain family law actions to represent the minor child; and generally relating to domestic violence. BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Family Law Section 1–202 and 4–501(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement) BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Family Law Section 4–501(o) Annotated Code of Maryland (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - Family Law 1-202.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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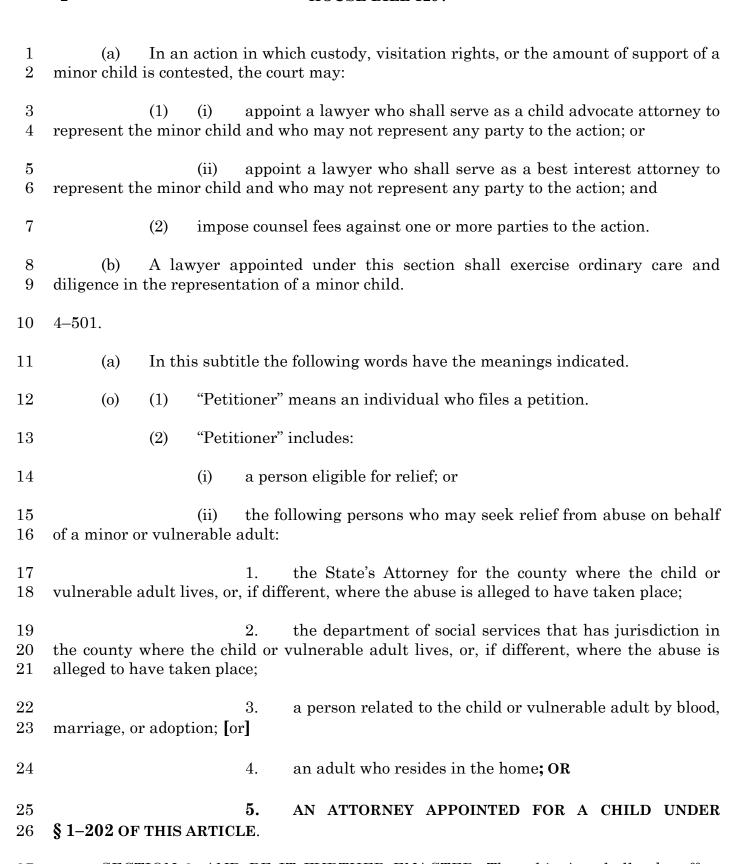
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Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.