

(b) Except as otherwise provided herein, the adoption of an adult shall be governed by the laws applicable to adoption of a child, and an adopted adult shall have the same rights as if adopted while under eighteen years of age.

(c) If the petition contains a prayer to that effect, the court may also decree that the name of the child be changed.]

[88.

Sections 74, 79, 83 and 86 of this article shall not apply in Calvert, Charles, Garrett and St. Mary's counties. Section 87 of this article shall apply in Calvert, Charles, Garrett, and St. Mary's counties but not in any other county of the State or in Baltimore City. Sections 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 78, 80, 82 and 84 of this article shall apply throughout the entire State.]

67.

(c) The General Assembly further declares that this subtitle is related to the subtitle on "Child Care" of Article 88A, §§ 19-32, of this Code, and should be read in relation thereto. ~~IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY-~~

~~(1) THAT NO CHILD BE PLACED FOR ADOPTION OR GUARDIANSHIP EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 88A, § 20 OF THE CODE; AND~~

~~(2) THAT THE PENALTIES OF ARTICLE 88A, § 31 FOR THE UNLAWFUL ASSUMPTION OF CARE, CUSTODY, OR CONTROL OF A CHILD AND FOR THE UNLAWFUL PLACEMENT OF A CHILD FOR ADOPTION BE STRONGLY ENFORCED.~~

68.

(A) IN THIS SUBHEADING, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY" MEANS A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OR A PRIVATE AGENCY WHICH ENGAGES IN THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN IN HOMES OR WITH INDIVIDUALS AND WHICH IS LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE 88A, § 20 OF THE CODE.

(C) "DISABILITY" MEANS THE FOLLOWING:

(1) MENTAL DISORDER, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN § 10-101 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE;

(2) MENTAL RETARDATION, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN § 7-101 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE;

(3) CHRONIC ALCOHOLISM, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN § 8-101 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE; OR