

SB 512 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/18/17

Action: Do pass with amendments and requesting referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Engrossed.)

Vote: 4-1-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Dembrow, Linthicum, Manning Jr, Prozanski

Nays: 1 - Thatcher

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies terms used in current law in regard to parentage of a child. Creates provisions for establishing parentage of a child.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for technical amendment
- Addresses statutes establishing paternity to include same sex couples

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND:

Current statute uses "paternity" and "husband" when referencing one parent of a child born to a birth mother. By replacing references such as "husband" with "spouse" and replacing "paternity" with "parentage," Senate Bill 512-A extends the current presumption of parent to include same-sex spouses of birth mothers. It also creates provisions for establishing parentage of a child. Finally, SB 512-A addresses parentage of a child conceived through artificial insemination.