

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 664
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 2 and 3, strike “- Immunity from Civil Liability”; and strike beginning with the first “in” in line 5 down through “measure” in line 12 and substitute “in certain actions as a child advocate attorney or a guardian ad litem; providing that an appointment to represent a minor child under this Act does not modify, alter, or amend the duty that a lawyer owes a client in accordance with certain Maryland Rules”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike beginning with “OR” in line 24 down through “CHILD,” in line 25; in line 26, after “LAWYER” insert “WHO SHALL SERVE AS A CHILD ADVOCATE ATTORNEY”; in the same line, before “who” insert “AND”; and in line 27, strike “and” and substitute “OR”.

On page 2, strike beginning with “SPECIFY” in line 1 down through “CHILDREN” in line 3 and substitute “APPOINT A LAWYER WHO SHALL SERVE AS A GUARDIAN AD LITEM, ALSO KNOWN AS A BEST INTEREST ATTORNEY, TO REPRESENT THE MINOR CHILD AND WHO MAY NOT REPRESENT ANY PARTY TO THE ACTION”; in line 4, strike the brackets; and strike beginning with “FOR” in line 4 down through “LAWYER” in line 5.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike beginning with “NOTWITHSTANDING” in line 6 down through “CHILD” in line 13 and substitute “AN APPOINTMENT TO REPRESENT A MINOR CHILD UNDER THIS SECTION DOES NOT MODIFY, ALTER, OR AMEND THE DUTY THAT A LAWYER OWES A CLIENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, at the top of page, strike “EMERGENCY BILL”.

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On page 2, strike beginning with “is” in line 14 down through “enacted” in line 18 and substitute “shall take effect June 1, 2006”.