

# HOUSE BILL 96

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By: **Delegate Dumais**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Family Law – Parentage and Adoption – Definitions**

3 ~~FOR the purpose of altering the definitions of “gamete donor” and “mother” for purposes of~~  
4 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “mother” for purposes of certain provisions of  
5 law concerning parentage and adoption; and generally relating to parentage and  
6 adoption.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Family Law  
9 Section 5–1001(a) and (h)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2019 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Family Law  
14 Section ~~5–1001(h)~~ 5–1001(i) ~~and (i)~~  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2019 Replacement Volume)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

### 19 **Article – Family Law**

20 5–1001.

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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.



(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(h) (1) “Gamete donor” means an individual who provides, with or without consideration, sperm ~~for~~, an ovum, ~~OR AN EMBRYO~~ intended for use in assisted reproduction.

(2) “Gamete donor” does not include the mother of a child conceived by means of assisted reproduction using the mother’s ovum.

(i) **(1)** “Mother” means an individual, regardless of gender, who gives birth to a child unless parentage is otherwise established.

**(2) “MOTHER” DOES NOT INCLUDE A GAMETE DONOR, UNLESS:**

**(I) THE GAMETE DONOR AND THE CHILD’S MOTHER AGREE IN WRITING THAT THE GAMETE DONOR WILL BE A PARENT OF THE CHILD; OR**

**(II) AT THE TIME OF THE CHILD’S CONCEPTION OR BIRTH, THE GAMETE DONOR IS MARRIED TO THE CHILD’S MOTHER.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.