



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 199

February Session, 2022



AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPENING OR SETTING ASIDE OF A PARENTAGE JUDGMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 46b-171 of the 2022 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

4 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, a
5 judgment of parentage entered by the Superior Court or family support
6 magistrate pursuant to this chapter may not be opened or set aside
7 unless (A) a motion to open or set aside is filed not later than four
8 months after the date on which the judgment was entered, and (B) upon
9 a showing (i) of reasonable cause, or (ii) that a valid defense to the
10 petition for a judgment of parentage existed, in whole or in part, at the
11 time judgment was rendered, and the person seeking to open or set
12 aside the judgment was prevented by mistake, accident or other
13 reasonable cause from making a valid defense.

14 (2) The Superior Court or a family support magistrate may consider
15 a motion to open or set aside a judgment of parentage filed more than
16 four months after such judgment was entered if such court or magistrate
17 determines that the judgment was entered due to fraud, duress or
18 material mistake of fact. The burden of proof shall be on the person

