

SENATE BILL 41

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CF HB 775

By: **Senator Shank**

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CHAPTER _____

AN ACT concerning

Domestic Violence – Persons Eligible for Relief

FOR the purpose of altering, for purposes of certain provisions of law relating to domestic violence, the definition of “person eligible for relief” to include an individual who has had a sexual relationship with a certain respondent; and generally relating to domestic violence.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 4–501(m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Family Law

4–501.

(m) “Person eligible for relief” includes:

(1) the current or former spouse of the respondent;

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.



- (2) a cohabitant of the respondent;
- (3) a person related to the respondent by blood, marriage, or adoption;
- (4) a parent, stepparent, child, or stepchild of the respondent or the person eligible for relief who resides or resided with the respondent or person eligible for relief for at least 90 days within 1 year before the filing of the petition;
- (5) a vulnerable adult; [or]
- (6) an individual who has a child in common with the respondent; **OR**
- (7) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS HAD A CONSENSUAL OR NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE RESPONDENT.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.