

SENATE BILL 668

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By: **Senators Young, Benson, and Guzzone**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Civil Actions – Child Sexual Abuse – Statute of Limitations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the statute of limitations in certain civil actions relating to
4 child sexual abuse; and generally relating to child sexual abuse.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
7 Section 5–117
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

13 5–117.

14 (a) In this section, “sexual abuse” has the meaning stated in § 5–701 of the Family
15 Law Article.

16 (b) An action for damages arising out of an alleged incident or incidents of sexual
17 abuse that occurred while the victim was a minor shall be filed within [7] 20 years of the
18 date that the victim attains the age of majority.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2015.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

