HOUSE BILL 1323

E2, J1 2lr2827 By: Delegate Bartlett Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2022 Assigned to: Judiciary Committee Report: Favorable House action: Adopted Read second time: March 5, 2022 CHAPTER AN ACT concerning Victims of Sexual Abuse - Provision of Services - Technical Correction FOR the purpose of correcting a cross-reference relating to a requirement that a physician or hospital to provide certain services to victims of sexual abuse without charge to the victim; and generally relating to services provided to victims of sexual abuse. BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Criminal Procedure Section 11–925 Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement) BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Criminal Procedure Section 11-1007 Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - Criminal Procedure 11 - 925.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

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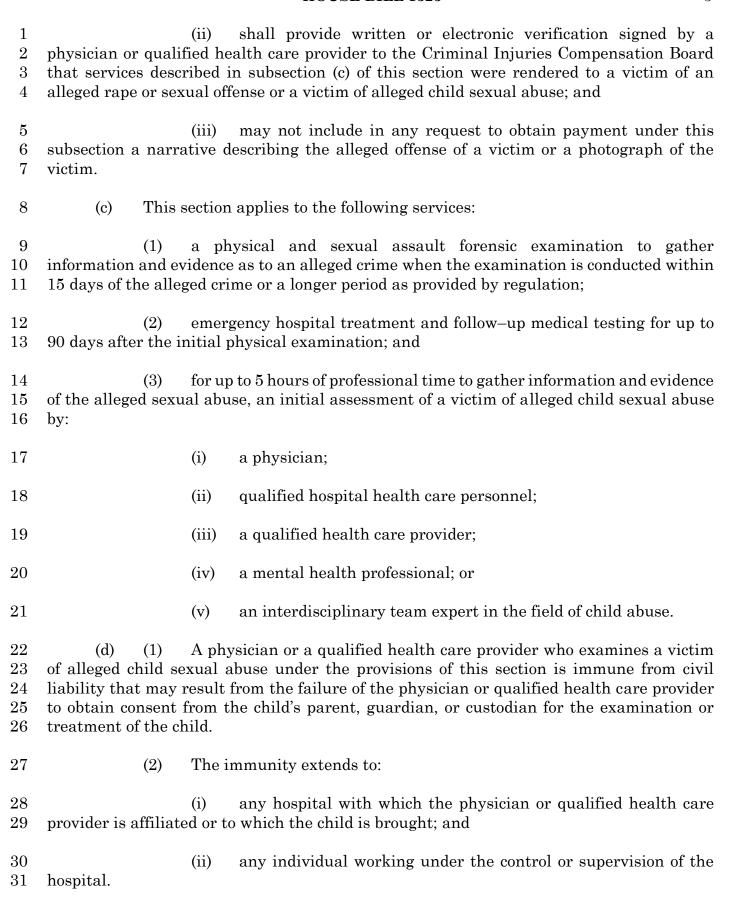
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Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

1 2 3	Applicable health care services shall be given without charge to a victim of sexual abuse, as provided under [§ 15–127 of the Health – General Article] § 11–1007 OF THIS TITLE.					
4	11–1007.					
5	(a)	(1)	In th	is section the following words have the meanings indicated.		
6		(2)	"Chil	d" means any individual under the age of 18 years.		
7		(3)	"Initi	al assessment" includes:		
8			(i)	a psychological evaluation;		
9			(ii)	a parental interview; and		
10			(iii)	a medical evaluation.		
11 12	Medical Pra	(4) ctice A	_	sician" means an individual who is authorized under the Maryland ractice medicine in the State.		
13 14	a health occi	(5) upatio	_	lified health care provider" means an individual who is licensed by rd established under the Health Occupations Article.		
15 16 17 18	is by a pare	ent or	other	"Sexual abuse" means any act that involves sexual molestation whether or not the sexual molestation or exploitation of the child individual who has permanent or temporary care, custody, or ision of a child, or by any household or family member.		
19			(ii)	"Sexual abuse" includes:		
20				1. incest, rape, or sexual offense in any degree; and		
21				2. unnatural or perverted sexual practices.		
22 23 24	(b) If a physician, a qualified health care provider, or a hospital provides a service described in subsection (c) of this section to a victim of an alleged rape or sexual offense or a victim of alleged child sexual abuse:					
25		(1)	the se	ervices shall be provided without charge to the individual; and		
26		(2)	the p	hysician, qualified health care provider, or hospital:		
27 28	Board as pro	ovided	(i) under	is entitled to be paid by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Subtitle 8 of this title for the costs of providing the services;		



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October 1, 2022.	2. AND BE IT FURTHE	K ENACTED, That thi	s Act shall take eff	
Approved:				
			Governor.	
	Speaker of the House of Delegates.			
		President	of the Senate.	