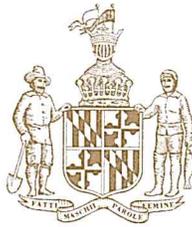


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SB536 Glossary

This is a list of terms that you will hear during today's hearing.

Agunah:

An agunah (literally translated as "anchored" or "chained") is a Jewish woman who is stuck in her religious marriage. This is the result of a husband refusing to give her a "Get."

Agunot:

The plural of agunah.

Beit Din (Pronounced "Bait Deen"):

A Jewish court of law composed of three rabbinic judges responsible for matters of religious law and the settlement of civil disputes.

CHANA:

CHANA is a domestic violence, sexual abuse, and elder abuse agency that provides crisis intervention, education, and consultation, to victims and survivors in addition to advocating for community awareness, safety, and healing.

Get:

A hand-written document in Jewish religious law which effectuates a divorce between a Jewish couple. The requirements for a "Get" include that the document be presented by a husband, or his agent, to his wife. Without it, a woman cannot remarry within the Jewish faith.

Halachic Prenup:

A Jewish legal agreement that goes into effect in the event of a contested Jewish divorce and is an effective tool for preventing "Get" abuse. It obligates the parties to arbitrate before a Beit Din.

Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse (JCADA):

JCADA's mission is to support victims of power-based violence; educate the community about such abuse and the appropriate responses; and prevent future generations from suffering.