



Working to end sexual violence in Maryland

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Testimony Supporting House Bill 1350
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The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) is a non-profit membership organization that includes the State's seventeen rape crisis centers, law enforcement, mental health and health care providers, attorneys, educators, survivors of sexual violence and other concerned individuals. MCASA includes the Sexual Assault Legal Institute which provides direct legal services for survivors across the State of Maryland. We urge the Judicial Proceedings Committee to report favorably on House Bill 1350.

House Bill 1350 – 4th Degree Sexual Offense

Technical Change – Subsequent Offenses and Out of State Crimes

Offenders who commit a sexual offense in the 4th degree are subject to a higher penalty if they have previously committed a sexual offense. This bill makes the subsequent offender penalties apply when the prior offense was committed in another jurisdiction as well as when they were committed in Maryland. This is a technical correction to ensure that subsequent offender provisions are enforceable regardless of where the prior offense occurred.

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