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By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (Departmental - Human Resources)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Child Abuse and Neglect - Definition of Neglect**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of child neglect; and generally relating to
4 child abuse and neglect.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Family Law
7 Section 5-701(p)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1999 Replacement Volume)

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

12 **Article - Family Law**

13 5-701.

14 (p) ~~(1)~~ "Neglect" means ~~the leaving of a child unattended or other failure,~~
15 FAILING to give proper care and attention to a child, OR PROVIDING IMPROPER CARE
16 OR ATTENTION TO A CHILD, by any parent or other person who has permanent or
17 temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of the child, under
18 circumstances that indicate:

19 ~~(1)~~ ~~(1)~~ that the child's health or welfare is harmed or placed at
20 substantial risk of harm; or

1 ~~{(2)}~~ ~~(H)~~ mental injury to the child or a substantial risk of mental injury.

2 ~~(2)~~ "NEGLECT" INCLUDES:

3 ~~(I)~~ ~~LEAVING A CHILD UNATTENDED; OR~~

4 ~~(H)~~ ~~PROVIDING IMPROPER CARE OR ATTENTION.~~

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
6 effect October 1, 1999.