

SENATE BILL 651

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By: **Senator Collins**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Criminal Procedure - Statute of Limitations - Abuse or Neglect of**  
3                                   **Vulnerable Adult**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the statute of limitations for prosecution of certain  
5 offenses relating to abuse or neglect of vulnerable adults; and generally relating  
6 to the statute of limitations for prosecution of misdemeanors.

7 BY adding to  
8 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
9 Section 5-106(y)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

14                                   **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 5-106.

16 (Y) A PROSECUTION FOR AN OFFENSE UNDER ARTICLE 27, § 35D OF THE CODE  
17 RELATING TO ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A VULNERABLE ADULT SHALL BE INSTITUTED  
18 WITHIN 3 YEARS AFTER THE OFFENSE WAS COMMITTED.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2000.