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Senate Bill 651 (Senator Collins)

Judicial Proceedings

Criminal Procedure - Statute of Limitations - Abuse or Neglect of Vulnerable Adult

This bill requires a prosecution for abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult to be instituted within two years after the offense was committed.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any additional prosecutions resulting from the bill are not expected to have a significant impact on the court, prison, or probation systems.

Local Effect: Any additional prosecutions resulting from the bill are not expected to have a significant impact on the court, prison, or probation systems.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A prosecution for abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult must be instituted within one year after the offense was committed.

Abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult is a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum fine of \$5,000 and/or a maximum term of imprisonment of five years.

Background: Specific information regarding the number of people who have been charged with abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult is not readily available.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Maryland State's Attorneys' Association, Office of the Public Defender, Department of Human Resources, Department of Legislative Services

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