BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 165

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute "<u>Civil Actions - Child Sexual Abuse - Statute of Limitations</u>"; and strike in their entirety lines 3 through 11, inclusive, and substitute:

"FOR the purpose of extending the statute of limitations in certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse; providing for the application of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to child sexual abuse.".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 12 through 21, inclusive; and in line 24, strike "5-206" and substitute "5-117".

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 27 on page 1 through line 2 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 2 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 6 on page 2 through line 15 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

"<u>5-117.</u>

- (A) IN THIS SECTION, "SEXUAL ABUSE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5-701 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE.
- (B) AN ACTION FOR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF AN ALLEGED INCIDENT OR INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE THAT OCCURRED WHILE THE VICTIM WAS A MINOR SHALL BE FILED WITHIN 7 YEARS OF THE DATE THAT THE VICTIM ATTAINS THE AGE

OF MAJORITY.".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 16 through 18, inclusive, and substitute:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to apply retroactively to revive any action that was barred by the application of the period of limitations applicable before October 1, 2003.".