BY: House Judiciary Committee

<u>AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1278</u>
(First Reading File Bill)

<u>AMENDMENT NO. 1</u>

On page 1, in line 2, before "Release" insert "<u>Child Abuse and Neglect -</u>"; strike beginning with "Release" in line 2 down through "Abuse" in line 3 and substitute "<u>Disclosure of Information</u>"; in line 6, after "neglect;" insert "<u>repealing a provision authorizing the director or the Secretary to disclose specific information concerning child abuse or neglect under certain circumstances; repealing a provision prohibiting the director or the Secretary from disclosing the file relating to an allegedly abused or neglected child; repealing a provision requiring the Secretary, in consultation with the local directors of social services, to develop a certain form;</u>"; strike beginning with "of" in line 6 down through "Resources" in line 7 and substitute "<u>or the director</u>"; in line 9, after "neglect;" insert "<u>authorizing certain individuals to file with the circuit court a motion for a protective order to limit further dissemination of certain information;</u>"; in the same line, strike "confidentiality" and substitute "<u>disclosure</u>"; and strike beginning with "records" in line 9 down through "reports" in line 10 and substitute "<u>information</u>".

<u>AMENDMENT NO. 2</u>

On page 2, strike beginning with "a" in line 15 down through "SUFFERED" in line 16.

<u>AMENDMENT NO. 3</u>

On pages 2 and 3, strike beginning with the opening bracket in line 33 on page 2 down through "(e)" in line 14 on page 3.

On page 3, in line 14, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike "SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE"; in line 20, after "neglector;" insert "<u>OR</u>"; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 22 down through "child" in line 25; strike beginning with "(f)" in line 29 down through "(H)" in line 34 and substitute "<u>(E)</u>"; in line 35, strike "LOCAL"; and strike beginning with the second "OF" in line 35 down through "SERVICES" in line 36.

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<u>AMENDMENT NO. 4</u>

On page 4, in line 2, after "DISSEMINATION" insert "<u>, UNLESS LIMITED BY COURT ORDER UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION,</u>"; and after line 15, insert:

"<u>(3)</u>	<u>THE SECRETARY, THE DIRECTOR, AN ATTORNEY FOR THE CHILD, OR AN ATTORNEY FOR A PARENT OF THE CHILD MAY FILE WITH THE CIRCUIT COURT A MOTION FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER UNDER THE MARYLAND RULES TO LIMIT FURTHER DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.</u>".

<u>AMENDMENT NO. 5</u>

On page 4, in line 5, strike "OR" and substitute "<u>AND</u>"; in line 8, strike "FILES OR REPORTS" and substitute "<u>RECORDS</u>"; in the same line, strike "LOCAL"; in line 9, strike "OF SOCIAL SERVICES"; in line 10, after "REPORTER;" insert "<u>OR</u>"; in line 11, strike "NAMES OF THE SIBLINGS OF THE CHILD OR" and substitute "<u>THE NAME OF</u>"; in the same line, strike "OTHER"; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 13 down through "SERVICES" in line 15.