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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Civil Actions - Child Sexual Abuse - Extension of Time to File Action**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain uncodified provision of law barring retroactive  
4 application of an extension of a statute of limitations in certain cases relating to  
5 child sexual abuse; providing for the application of this Act; authorizing a  
6 certain extension of time to file certain actions; and generally relating to child  
7 sexual abuse.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
10 Section 5-117  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

13 BY repealing  
14 Chapter 360 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003  
15 Section 2

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

18 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

19 5-117.

20 (a) In this section, "sexual abuse" has the meaning stated in § 5-701 of the  
21 Family Law Article.

22 (b) An action for damages arising out of an alleged incident or incidents of  
23 sexual abuse that occurred while the victim was a minor shall be filed within 7 years  
24 of the date that the victim attains the age of majority.

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**Chapter 360 of the Acts of 2003**

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

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 3 of  
6 this Act, this Act shall be construed to apply retroactively to revive any action that  
7 was barred by the application of the period of limitations applicable before October 1,  
8 2006.

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any action that was  
10 barred by the application of the period of limitations applicable before October 1,  
11 2006, shall be filed on or before October 1, 2008.

12 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2006.