

HOUSE BILL 276

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CF SB 222

By: **Delegates Morales, Anderson, Atterbary, Conaway, Moon, Queen, Sanchez, Sydnor, Valentino-Smith, and C. Wilson**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2017

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Human Trafficking – Civil Actions – Statute of Limitations**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the statute of limitations applicable to certain civil actions
4 relating to human trafficking; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
5 relating to human trafficking.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

8 Section 5–120

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

14 **5–120.**

15 **A CIVIL ACTION FOR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF A VIOLATION OF § 11–303 OF**
16 **THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE SHALL BE FILED WITHIN 10 YEARS AFTER THE DATE**
17 **THE CAUSE OF ACTION ACCRUES.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed
19 to apply retroactively to revive any action that was barred by the application of the period
20 of limitations applicable before October 1, 2017.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2017.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

