HOUSE BILL 1551

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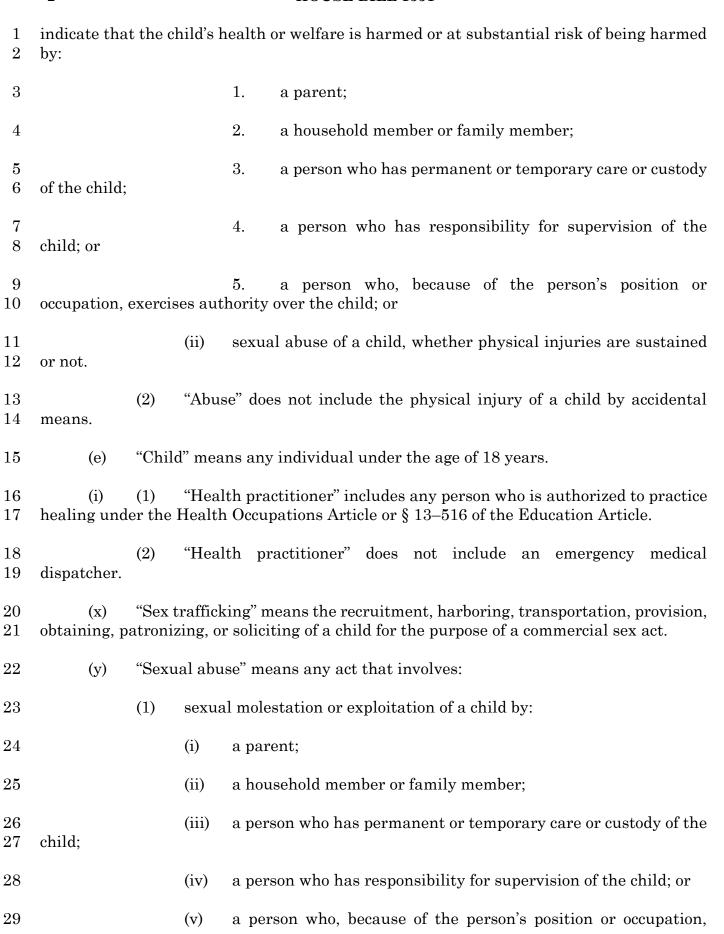
1	AN ACT concerning					
2	Health Practitioners - Minor Patients - Child Abuse Reporting					
3 4 5	FOR the purpose of requiring a certain health practitioner to inform a patient who is a minor that the patient may report child abuse to the health practitioner; and generally relating to health practitioners and child abuse reporting.					
6 7 8 9	Article – Family Law Section 5–701(b), (e), (i), (x), (y), and (z) Annotated Code of Maryland					
11 12 13 14 15	Article – Health – General Section 20–2001 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 20. Reporting of Abuse to Health Practitioners" Annotated Code of Maryland					
L7 L8	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:					
9	Article – Family Law					
20	5–701.					
21	(b) (1) "Abuse" means:					

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the physical or mental injury of a child under circumstances that



1	exercises authority over the child; or				
2		(2)	sex tr	afficking of a child by any individual.	
3	(z)	"Sex	ual molestation or exploitation" includes:		
4		(1)	allowi	ing or encouraging a child to engage in:	
5			(i)	obscene photography, films, poses, or similar activity;	
6			(ii)	pornographic photography, films, poses, or similar activity; or	
7			(iii)	prostitution;	
8		(2)	incest	···	
9		(3)	rape;		
10		(4)	sexua	l offense in any degree;	
11		(5)	sodon	ny; and	
12		(6)	unnat	cural or perverted sexual practices.	
13				Article - Health - General	
14	SUBTITLE 20. REPORTING OF ABUSE TO HEALTH PRACTITIONERS.				
15	20-2001.				
16 17 18 19	ARTICLE, SHALL INFORM A PATIENT WHO IS A MINOR THAT THE PATIENT MAY REPORT ABUSE, AS DEFINED IN § 5–701 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE, TO THE				
20 21	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.				