HB1499/973727/1

BY: Judiciary Committee

<u>AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1499</u> (First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after the first "of" insert "<u>altering the definition of relative</u> to mean an individual who is a kindship caregiver for purposes of provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance;"; and after line 5, insert:

"<u>BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,</u> <u>Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings</u> <u>Section 3-801(a)</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

<u>BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,</u> <u>Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings</u> <u>Section 3-801(x)</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, after line 17, insert:

"Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

<u>3–801.</u>

(a) In this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(x) <u>"Relative" means an individual who is A KINSHIP CAREGIVER, AS</u> DEFINED IN § 5–534 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE[:

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(1) <u>Related to the child by blood or marriage within five degrees of</u> <u>consanguinity or affinity under the civil law; and</u>

- (2) (i) At least 21 years old; or
 - (ii) <u>1.</u> <u>At least 18 years old; and</u>
 - <u>2.</u> Lives with a spouse who is at least 21 years old].".