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Support HB816

Family Law – Support of Destitute Adult Children - Repeal

Judiciary Committee

House Bill 816 will repeal Maryland’s unfair Destitute Adult Children Support Law. Current law does not provide enough oversight and care to the support provider.

As the law stands now, a Judge can still rule that support is needed for the adult child(ren) in question, even if the Judge disagrees with the assertion that the adult child(ren) is in fact destitute.

A person who “violates” the law currently is subject to a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment of up to one year. This is not fair when so many people are struggling to make ends meet during these trying times.

I therefore ask for a favorable report of HB816.