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House Bill 161
In Support Of
Criminal Law - Exploitation of Vulnerable Adult or Elderly Individual
- Undue Influence
House Judiciary Committee
Hearing: January 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

The Legislative Committee of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) requests a favorable report on House Bill 161 Criminal Law - Exploitation of Vulnerable Adult or Elderly Individual - Undue Influence.

The legislation alters the definition of "undue Influence" for purposes of provisions of law prohibiting the exploitation of certain vulnerable adults or individuals at least 68 years old; requiring a court to determine whether a transfer of property was induced by undue influence and to consider certain factors.

Section 8-801 6(i)(a) specifically defines undue influence. Section G details the factors to be considered by the court in determining whether property was obtained by undue influence and the equity of the result. This additional text further helps to define the severity of the crime.

Our concern is to protect our aging members from exploitation. On behalf of the almost 13,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we request a favorable vote on HB161.

Sincerely,

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