



Working to end sexual violence in Maryland

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Testimony Supporting House Bill 362
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The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA) is a non-profit membership organization that includes the State's seventeen rape crisis centers, law enforcement, mental health and health care providers, attorneys, educators, survivors of sexual violence and other concerned individuals. MCASA includes the Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI), a statewide legal services provider for survivors of sexual assault. MCASA represents the unified voice and combined energy of all of its members working to eliminate sexual violence. We urge the Judicial Proceedings Committee to report favorably on House Bill 362.

House Bill 362 – Wiretap – Change to Misdemeanor

This bill would reclassify violation of the all party consent law for audio recordings from a felony to a misdemeanor.

This Committee has heard extensive testimony this session regarding the challenges faced when a victim of a violent crime, including a sex crime, records the crime in an attempt to document what occurred. HB362 is a modest step towards reducing the penalty for this type of action.

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