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To: Members of The House Judiciary Committee
From: Carrie J. Williams, Chair, Legislative Committee, Criminal Law and Practice
Section
Date: 1/24/2023
Subject: HB131– Criminal Law–Unnatural or Perverted Sexual Practice–Repeal
Position: **Support**

The Legislative Committee of the Criminal Law and Practice Section of the Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) Supports HB131—Unnatural or Perverted Sexual Practice—Repeal.

This bill repeals sections of current law that criminalize particular forms of sexual activity, even between consenting adults. The Unnatural and Perverted Sexual Practice statute represents a legacy of homophobia that has no place in current law. It should be repealed.

For the reasons stated, we Support HB131—Unnatural or Perverted Sexual Practice—Repeal. If you have questions about the position of the Criminal Law and Practice Section’s Legislative Committee, please feel free to address them to me at carriej.williams@gmail.com.

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