

Criminal Law - Sexual Crimes - Definition of Consent and Repeal of Force  
HB0496 Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m  
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Judiciary Committee members::

As was specified in UNFavorable testimony last year, this bill will be misused and will draw every sexual act into a potential rape charge.

Maryland has an oversexualized society and entirely too much activity outside of marriage. However, the points made by the online opponents to this bill last year – such as forever sex-offender-registration, mischarging of youth, et cetera – coupled with the wording in a bill looking at “the entirety” of the activity ensure this bill would be misused. Don’t vote for this bill.

Committee, we have endless amounts of rape/sex crime statutes. And yet, as I’ve mentioned year after year, Maryland arrests these folks (and many should be arrested, no doubt ) but then routinely lets them go.

The capricious use of this bill is a flawed attempt at promoting consent to a 5-second by 5-second reissuance of consent.

The ridiculously written bill is kind of ridiculous and misses the mark.

See UNFav testimony for this bill last year::

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