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MARYLAND JUDICIAL COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM

TO: House Judiciary Committee
FROM: Legislative Committee
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.
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RE: House Bill 604
Vulnerable and Senior Adults – Theft of Property by Caregiver,
Family Member, or Household Member - Prohibition
DATE: January 29, 2025
(2/11)
POSITION: Oppose, as drafted

The Maryland Judiciary opposes House Bill 604, as drafted.

The Judiciary's only opposition is to the language on page 5, line 19, which applies the provisions to any person who is at least 68 years of age. This would place the court in the position of determining the mental and physical fitness of every witness solely based on their age and not whether any facts exist to warrant such a determination. It is not clear why this language is necessary in addition to the individual being a vulnerable adult which is defined in Criminal Law section 3-604.

cc. Hon. Adrienne Jones
Judicial Council
Legislative Committee
Kelley O'Connor