



**Working to end sexual violence in Maryland**

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**Testimony Supporting House Bill 1350**  
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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 which provides direct legal services for survivors across the State of Maryland. We urge the Judiciary Committee to report favorably on House Bill 1350.

**House Bill 1350 – 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sexual Offense**

**Technical Change – Subsequent Offenses and Out of State Crimes**

Offenders who commit a sexual offense in the 4<sup>th</sup> degree are subject to a higher penalty if they have previously committed a sexual offense. This bill makes the subsequent offender penalties apply when the prior offense was committed in another jurisdiction as well as when they were committed in Maryland. This is a technical correction to ensure that subsequent offender provisions are enforceable regardless of where the prior offense occurred.

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