

State's attorney and other appropriate law-enforcement agencies having jurisdiction shall take such lawful action as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

(h) (1) Any person, including a health practitioner, educator, or social worker or law-enforcement officer, participating in the making of a good faith report pursuant to this section or participating in an investigation or in a judicial proceeding resulting therefrom shall in so doing be immune from any civil liability or criminal penalty that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result thereof.

(2) ANY PHYSICIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN MARYLAND WHO SHALL BE PRESENTED WITH A CHILD PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, OR BY A LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES WHO STATES HE HAS THE CHILD IN HIS CUSTODY AS A CHILD WHOM HE HAS REASON TO BELIEVE IS AN ABUSED CHILD, SHALL EXAMINE SAID CHILD WITH OR WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF A PARENT, GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN OF SAID CHILD TO DETERMINE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF INJURY OR INJURIES OR SEXUAL ABUSE, IF ANY, TO SAID CHILD. ANY SUCH PHYSICIAN AND ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION WITH WHICH HE MIGHT BE AFFILIATED OR TO WHICH THE CHILD MIGHT BE BROUGHT, AND THOSE PERSONS WORKING UNDER THE CONTROL OR SUPERVISION OF SAID PHYSICIAN OR SUCH HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION WHO SHALL SO EXAMINE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE EXAMINATION OF SAID CHILD SHALL BE IMMUNE FROM CIVIL LIABILITY AND/OR CRIMINAL PENALTY THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FROM THE PARENT, GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN TO EXAMINE THE CHILD.

(3) ANY PHYSICIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN MARYLAND WHO SHALL BE PRESENTED WITH A CHILD PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, OR BY A LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES WHO STATES HE HAS THE CHILD IN HIS CUSTODY AS A CHILD WHOM HE HAS REASON TO BELIEVE IS AN ABUSED CHILD, WHO SHALL HAVE EXAMINED ANY CHILD PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION (I) (1) WHO SHALL DETERMINE THAT IMMEDIATE MEDICAL TREATMENT IS INDICATED MAY PROVIDE SUCH TREATMENT TO SAID CHILD WITH OR WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF A PARENT, GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN OF SAID CHILD. ANY SUCH PHYSICIAN OR HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION AND THOSE PERSONS WORKING UNDER THE CONTROL OR SUPERVISION OF SAID PHYSICIAN OR HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION SO TREATING SAID CHILD SHALL BE IMMUNE FROM CIVIL LIABILITY AND/OR CRIMINAL PENALTY THAT MIGHT RESULT FROM THE FAILURE TO OBTAIN THE CONSENT FROM THE PARENT, GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE CHILD.