

(ii) an act that places a person eligible for relief in fear of imminent serious bodily harm;

(iii) assault in any degree;

(iv) rape or sexual offense under §§ 3-303 through 3-308 of the Criminal Law Article or attempted rape or sexual offense in any degree; [or]

(v) false imprisonment; OR

(VI) ~~HARASSMENT UNDER § 3-803 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE;~~

OR

~~(VII) STALKING UNDER § 3-802 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE;~~

~~(VIII) TRESPASS UNDER TITLE 6, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE; OR~~

~~(IX) MALICIOUS DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY UNDER § 6-301 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.~~

(2) If the person for whom relief is sought is a child, "abuse" may also include abuse of a child, as defined in Title 5, Subtitle 7 of this article. Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to prohibit reasonable punishment, including reasonable corporal punishment, in light of the age and condition of the child, from being performed by a parent or stepparent of the child.

(3) If the person for whom relief is sought is a vulnerable adult, "abuse" may also include abuse of a vulnerable adult, as defined in Title 14, Subtitle 1 of this article.

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~~(a) (1) [A] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A petitioner may seek relief from abuse by filing with a court, or with a commissioner under the circumstances specified in § 4-504.1(a) of this subtitle, a petition that alleges abuse of any person eligible for relief by the respondent.~~

~~(2) A PETITIONER IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR HARASSMENT UNDER § 3-803 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE IF THE PETITIONER AND THE RESPONDENT RESIDED TOGETHER AT THE TIME THE HARASSMENT ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.