

removing a household member who is an alleged child abuser from the home to protect another household member under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Family Law
Section 4-507 and 4-510
Annotated Code of Maryland
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Section 4-501, 4-504, 4-505, 4-506, 4-508, and 4-509
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

4-501.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) (1) "Abuse" means any of the following acts committed by a household member against another household member:

(1) (I) an act that causes serious bodily harm;

(2) (II) an act that places another in fear of imminent serious bodily harm; or

(3) (III) [sexual] abuse of a child, as defined in Title 5, Subtitle 9 of this article.

(2) NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT REASONABLE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT, IN LIGHT OF THE AGE AND CONDITION OF THE CHILD, FROM BEING PERFORMED BY A PARENT OR STEPPARENT OF THE CHILD.

(c) "Court" means the District Court or a circuit court in this State.

(d) "Family home" means the property in this State that:

(1) is the principal residence of the household members; and