

BY repealing

Article - Family Law  
 Section 5-701 through 5-710 and the subtitle "Subtitle  
 7. Neglected Children", and 5-901 through 5-912 and  
 the subtitle "Subtitle 9. Child Abuse"  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1984 Volume and 1986 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Family Law  
 Section 5-701 through 5-715 to be under the new subtitle  
 "Subtitle 7. Child Abuse and Neglect"  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (1984 Volume and 1986 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 5-701 through 5-710, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 7. Neglected Children", and Section(s) 5-901 through 5-912, inclusive, and the subtitle "Subtitle 9. Child Abuse" of Article - Family Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

SUBTITLE 7. CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

5-701.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "ABUSE" MEANS:

(1) THE SUSTAINING OF PHYSICAL INJURY BY A CHILD AS A RESULT OF ~~A NONACCIDENTAL ACT~~ CRUEL OR INHUMANE TREATMENT OR AS A RESULT OF A MALICIOUS ACT BY ANY PARENT OR OTHER PERSON WHO HAS PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY CARE OR CUSTODY OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISION OF A CHILD, OR BY ANY HOUSEHOLD OR FAMILY MEMBER, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT INDICATE THAT THE CHILD'S HEALTH OR WELFARE IS HARMED OR THREATENED THEREBY; OR

(2) SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD, WHETHER PHYSICAL INJURIES ARE SUSTAINED OR NOT.