

AN ACT concerning

Child-Abuse-and-Neglect---Reporting--
Attorney-Client-Privilege
Family Law - Certain Notice Requirement - Exceptions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting-a-certain-child-abuse-and--neglect reporting---requirement--from--impairing--or--abrogating--an attorney-client-privilege;--making--stylistic--changes;--and generally--relating--to--the-attorney-client-privilege-under the-mandatory-child-abuse-and-neglect-reporting--requirement providing that certain persons are not required to provide notification of certain child abuse or neglect under specific circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law
Section-5-704(a)-and-5-705
Section 5-705(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume and 1987 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 635 of the
Acts of the General Assembly of 1987)

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

Article - Family Law

5-704:

{a}--{Notwithstanding}-{i}--EXCEPT-FOR--THE--ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE;--NOTWITHSTANDING-any-other-provision-of-law,including {any}-A-law---on---privileged---communications;---each---health practitioner;--police--officer;--or--educator--or--human--service worker;--acting--in--a--professional--capacity;--who-has-reason-to believe-that-a-child-has-been-subjected-to:

{(i)}-{i}-1;--abuse;--shall-notify-the-local-department or-the-appropriate-law-enforcement-agency;--or

{(ii)}--2;--neglect;--shall--notify--the---local department;--and

{(2)}-{ii}--If-acting-as-a-staff-member-of-a-hospital, public--health-agency, child-care-institution, juvenile-detention center, school, or-similar-institution;--immediately--notify--and