

practitioners; and generally relating to child abuse and neglect.

BY repealing

Article - Family Law
Section 5-701(o) and 5-704(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume and 1988 Supplement)

BY renumbering

Article - Family Law
Section 5-701(p) and (q) and 5-704(c) and (d), respectively
to be Section 5-701(o) and (p) and 5-704(b) and (c),
respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article - Family Law

5-701.

[(o) "Pedophilia" means a condition in which a person's conscious sexual desires and responses are directed, either partially or exclusively, to children.]

5-704.

[(b) A health practitioner who specializes in the psychiatric treatment of pedophilia is not required to report sexual abuse under subsection (a)(1)(i) of this section if:

(1) the health practitioner's reason to believe that a child has been subjected to sexual abuse is based exclusively on a report made to the health practitioner by an individual stating that the individual sexually abused the child;

(2) the health practitioner is providing psychiatric treatment to the individual for the purpose of curing the individual's pedophilia; and

(3) the sexual abuse occurred prior to the time that the individual began the psychiatric treatment with the health practitioner.]