

~~enforcement agencies; specifying that a confidential communication between spouses during their marriage may be disclosed if the confidential communication occurs during the commission of a crime or pertains to a crime committed by one spouse against the other; providing a certain exception to the prohibition against compelling the spouse of a person on trial for a crime to testify; allowing evidence, including expert testimony, of the Battered Child Syndrome to be admitted in certain criminal trials to prove certain defenses to certain crimes; making it mandatory, rather than discretionary, for an officer to arrest or take into custody a person whom the officer has probable cause to believe is in violation of an ex parte order or protective order providing that if a law enforcement officer responds to a certain request for assistance and an incident report is filed, the law enforcement agency shall provide a copy of the incident report to the Maryland State Police and on request to the victim without a subpoena; altering provisions of law relating to the authority of an officer to arrest a person without a warrant for violations of certain orders concerning domestic violence; providing a certain exception to the prohibition against compelling the spouse of a person to testify; expanding the coverage of the battered spouse program to include certain victims of domestic violence; changing the name of the program; altering the definitions of child abuse and neglect; repealing a certain exception to the definitions of child abuse and neglect relating to nonmedical religious remedial care; clarifying the time for initiation of an investigation of a report of suspected child abuse or neglect or suspected mental injury; requiring the investigation to include a certain assessment if mental injury is suspected; altering the definitions of child abuse and neglect; repealing a certain exception to the definitions of child abuse and neglect relating to nonmedical religious remedial care; clarifying the time for initiation of an investigation of a report of suspected child abuse or neglect or suspected mental injury; requiring the investigation to include a certain assessment if mental injury is suspected; defining certain terms; altering certain definitions; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to domestic violence and child abuse and neglect.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

Section 11F to be under the amended subheading “Domestic Abuse”, 464D₂, 464D(b), and 594B(d)

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BY adding to

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Section 770 and 771

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 9-106