

**Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

5-117.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "SEXUAL ABUSE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5-701 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE.

(B) AN ACTION FOR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF AN ALLEGED INCIDENT OR INCIDENTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE THAT OCCURRED WHILE THE VICTIM WAS A MINOR SHALL BE FILED WITHIN ~~12 YEARS OF THE LATER OF:~~

(1) ~~THE VICTIM'S 21ST BIRTHDAY, OR~~

(2) ~~THE DATE ON WHICH THE VICTIM KNEW OR REASONABLY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT THE ALLEGED ABUSE WAS ACTIONABLE 7 YEARS OF THE DATE THAT THE VICTIM ATTAINS THE AGE OF MAJORITY.~~

(C) ~~THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PRECLUDE A COURT FROM APPLYING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE EXCEPTION TO THE RUNNING OF THE APPLICABLE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.~~

(D) ~~THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO ANY ACTION COMMENCED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2003, INCLUDING ANY ACTION THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN BARRED BY THE APPLICATION OF THE PERIOD OF LIMITATION APPLICABLE BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2003.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to apply retroactively to revive any action that was barred by the application of the period of limitations applicable before October 1, 2003.

~~SECTION 2. 3.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved May 22, 2003.

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**CHAPTER 361**

**(Senate Bill 108)**

AN ACT concerning

**Comptroller - Report on Fees**

FOR the purpose of altering the date when the Comptroller must submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 2-107

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)