

**CHAPTER 321**

**(Senate Bill 516)**

AN ACT concerning

**Abuse or Neglect of Vulnerable Adults - Degrees**

FOR the purpose of establishing the felony of abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult in the first degree, subject to certain penalties; altering the scope of the misdemeanor of abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult and redesignating it as abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult in the second degree, subject to certain penalties; providing that certain sentences shall be in addition to certain other sentences except under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults.

BY renumbering

Article - Criminal Law

Section 3-603(e) and 3-604, respectively

to be Section 3-605 and 3-606, respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter 26 (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Criminal Law

Section 3-603 and 3-605

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter 26 (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

BY adding to

Article - Criminal Law

Section 3-604

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter 26 (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

**SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 3-603(e) and 3-604, respectively, of Article - Criminal Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter 26 (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002) be renumbered to be Section(s) 3-605 and 3-606, respectively.**

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