

(d) "Family home" means the property in this State that:

- (1) is the principal residence of the household members; and
- (2) is owned, rented, or leased by at least 1 household member at the time of a proceeding under this subtitle.

(e) "Household members" means spouses, parents, individuals who are not married but have at least 1 minor child in common residing with the petitioner, stepparents, children, stepchildren, NONBLOOD RELATIVES, or blood relatives, who live together at the time of an act of abuse.

(f) "Local department" means the local department of social services that has jurisdiction in the county:

- (1) where the family home is located; or
- (2) if different, where the abuse is alleged to have taken place.

~~(G) "VULNERABLE ADULT" MEANS AN ADULT WHO:~~

- ~~(1) IS AT LEAST 55 YEARS OLD; AND~~
- ~~(2) LACKS THE PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CAPACITY TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADULT'S DAILY NEEDS~~ HAS THE MEANING PROVIDED IN § 14-101(Q) OF THIS ARTICLE.

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(a) (1) A household member may seek relief from abuse by filing with a court a petition that alleges abuse of any household member by another household member.

(2) The following persons may seek relief from abuse on behalf of a minor OR VULNERABLE ADULT household member by filing with the court a petition that alleges abuse of the child OR VULNERABLE ADULT by another household member:

(i) the State's Attorney for the county where the child OR VULNERABLE ADULT lives, or if different, where the abuse is alleged to have taken place;

(ii) the department of social services that has jurisdiction in the county where the child OR VULNERABLE ADULT lives, or if different, where the abuse is alleged to have taken place;

(iii) a law enforcement officer;

(iv) a blood relative of the child OR VULNERABLE ADULT; and

(v) an adult household member.

(b) (1) The petition shall:

(i) be under oath; and