HOUSE BILL 1551

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A BILL ENTITLED

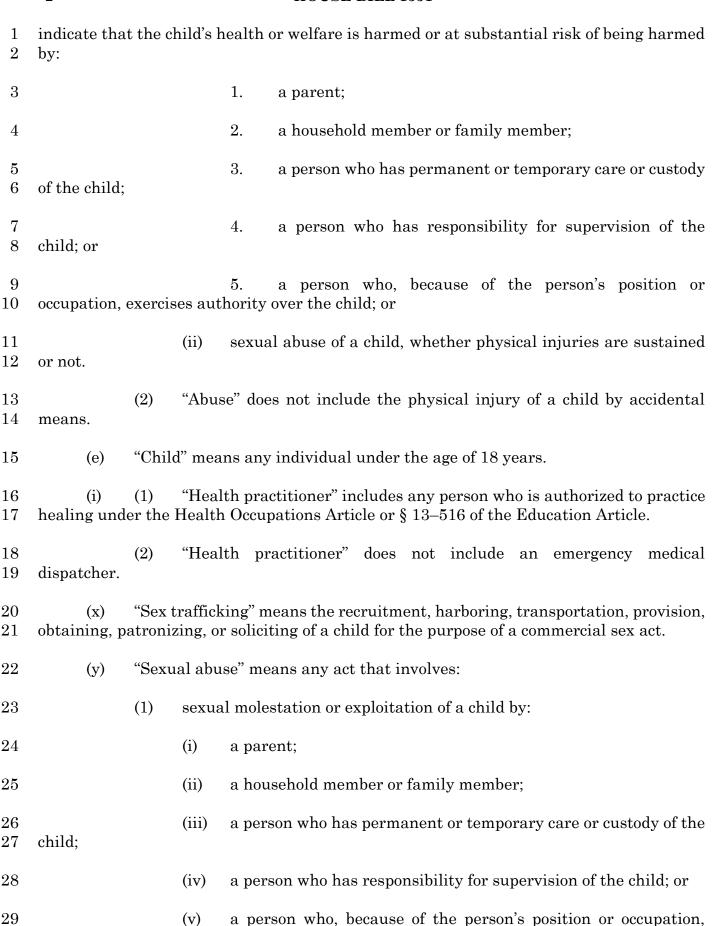
1	AN ACT concerning
2	Health Practitioners - Minor Patients - Child Abuse Reporting
3	FOR the purpose of requiring a certain health practitioner to inform a patient who is a
4 5	minor that the patient may report child abuse to the health practitioner; and generally relating to health practitioners and child abuse reporting.
6	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7	Article – Family Law
8	Section 5–701(b), (e), (i), (x), (y), and (z)
9	Annotated Code of Maryland
10	(2019 Replacement Volume)
11	BY adding to
12	Article – Health – General
13	Section 20-2001 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 20. Reporting of Abuse to
14	Health Practitioners"
15	Annotated Code of Maryland
16	(2019 Replacement Volume)
17	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND
18	That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
19	Article – Family Law
20	5–701.
21	(b) (1) "Abuse" means:

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the physical or mental injury of a child under circumstances that



1 exercises authority over the child; or 2 (2) sex trafficking of a child by any individual. "Sexual molestation or exploitation" includes: 3 (z) 4 (1) allowing or encouraging a child to engage in: (i) obscene photography, films, poses, or similar activity; 5 6 (ii) pornographic photography, films, poses, or similar activity; or 7 (iii) prostitution; 8 (2)incest; 9 (3) rape; 10 sexual offense in any degree; (4) sodomy; and 11 (5)unnatural or perverted sexual practices. 12 (6)13 Article - Health - General SUBTITLE 20. REPORTING OF ABUSE TO HEALTH PRACTITIONERS. 14 15 20-2001. 16 EACH HEALTH PRACTITIONER, AS DEFINED IN § 5-701 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE, SHALL INFORM A PATIENT WHO IS A MINOR THAT THE PATIENT MAY 17 REPORT ABUSE, AS DEFINED IN § 5-701 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE, TO THE 18 19 HEALTH PRACTITIONER. 20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

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October 1, 2020.