

# HOUSE BILL 1215

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HB 725/15 – JUD

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By: **Delegate C. Wilson**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2016

Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Civil Actions – Child Sexual Abuse – Statute of Limitations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the statute of limitations in certain civil actions relating to  
4 child sexual abuse; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating  
5 to child sexual abuse.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
8 Section 5–117  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

14 5–117.

15 (a) In this section, “sexual abuse” has the meaning stated in § 5–701 of the Family  
16 Law Article.

17 (b) An action for damages arising out of an alleged incident or incidents of sexual  
18 abuse that occurred while the victim was a minor shall be filed within [7] 20 years of the  
19 date that the victim attains the age of majority.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to  
21 apply retroactively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect any cause of action  
22 arising on or after October 1, 2009.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2016.