

HOUSE BILL 531

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By: **Delegate Morgan**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Sexual Offenders – Lifetime Supervision**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a sentence for certain persons convicted of certain sexual
4 abuse crimes to include a term of lifetime sexual offender supervision; providing for
5 the application of this Act; and generally relating to sexual offender supervision.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Criminal Law
8 Section 3–602
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Criminal Procedure
13 Section 11–723
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Criminal Law**

19 3–602.

20 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (2) “Family member” has the meaning stated in § 3–601 of this subtitle.

22 (3) “Household member” has the meaning stated in § 3–601 of this subtitle.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) (i) "Sexual abuse" means an act that involves sexual molestation or
2 exploitation of a minor, whether physical injuries are sustained or not.

3 (ii) "Sexual abuse" includes:

4 1. incest;

5 2. rape;

6 3. sexual offense in any degree; and

7 4. unnatural or perverted sexual practices.

8 (b) (1) A parent or other person who has permanent or temporary care or
9 custody or responsibility for the supervision of a minor may not cause sexual abuse to the
10 minor.

11 (2) A household member or family member may not cause sexual abuse to
12 a minor.

13 (c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is
14 subject to imprisonment not exceeding 25 years.

15 (d) A sentence imposed under this section may be separate from and consecutive
16 to or concurrent with a sentence for:

17 (1) any crime based on the act establishing the violation of this section; or

18 (2) a violation of § 3–601 of this subtitle involving an act of abuse separate
19 from sexual abuse under this section.

20 Article – Criminal Procedure

21 11–723.

22 (a) Except where a term of natural life without the possibility of parole is imposed,
23 a sentence for the following persons shall include a term of lifetime sexual offender
24 supervision:

25 (1) a person who is a sexually violent predator;

26 (2) a person who has been convicted of a violation of:

27 (i) § 3–303 or § 3–304 of the Criminal Law Article; or

28 (ii) § 3–305 or [§ 3–306(a)(1) or (2)] **§ 3–306** of the Criminal Law

1 Article as the sections existed before October 1, 2017;

2 (3) a person who has been convicted of a violation of § 3–309 or § 3–310 of
3 the Criminal Law Article, § 3–311 of the Criminal Law Article as the section existed before
4 October 1, 2017, or an attempt to commit a violation of [§ 3–306(a)(1) or (2)] **§ 3–306** of the
5 Criminal Law Article as the section existed before October 1, 2017;

6 (4) a person who has been convicted of a violation of § 3–602 of the Criminal
7 Law Article [involving a child under the age of 12 years];

8 (5) a person who is required to register under § 11–704(c) of this subtitle;
9 and

10 (6) a person who has been convicted more than once arising out of separate
11 incidents of a crime that requires registration under this subtitle.

12 (b) Except where a term of natural life without the possibility of parole is imposed,
13 a sentence for a violation of § 3–307(a)(1) or (2) of the Criminal Law Article may include a
14 term of lifetime sexual offender supervision.

15 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the term of
16 lifetime sexual offender supervision imposed on a person for a crime committed on or after
17 October 1, 2010, shall:

18 (i) be a term of life; and

19 (ii) commence on the expiration of the later of any term of
20 imprisonment, probation, parole, or mandatory supervision.

21 (2) For a person who is required to register under § 11–704(c) of this
22 subtitle, the term of lifetime sexual offender supervision imposed for an act committed on
23 or after October 1, 2010, shall:

24 (i) commence when the person’s obligation to register commences;
25 and

26 (ii) expire when the person’s obligation to register expires, unless the
27 juvenile court:

28 1. finds after a hearing that there is a compelling reason for
29 the supervision to continue; and

30 2. orders the supervision to continue for a specified period of
31 time.

32 (d) (1) For a sentence that includes a term of lifetime sexual offender
33 supervision, the sentencing court, or juvenile court in the case of a person who is required

1 to register under § 11–704(c) of this subtitle, shall impose special conditions of lifetime
2 sexual offender supervision on the person at the time of sentencing, or imposition of the
3 registration requirement in juvenile court, and advise the person of the length, conditions,
4 and consecutive nature of that supervision.

5 (2) Before imposing special conditions, the sentencing court or juvenile
6 court shall order:

7 (i) a presentence investigation in accordance with § 6–112 of the
8 Correctional Services Article; and

9 (ii) for a sentence for a violation of § 3–307(a)(1) or (2) of the Criminal
10 Law Article, a risk assessment of the person conducted by a sexual offender treatment
11 provider.

12 (3) The conditions of lifetime sexual offender supervision may include:

13 (i) monitoring through global positioning satellite tracking or
14 equivalent technology;

15 (ii) where appropriate and feasible, restricting a person from living
16 in proximity to or loitering near schools, family child care homes, child care centers, and
17 other places used primarily by minors;

18 (iii) restricting a person from obtaining employment or from
19 participating in an activity that would bring the person into contact with minors;

20 (iv) requiring a person to participate in a sexual offender treatment
21 program;

22 (v) prohibiting a person from using illicit drugs or alcohol;

23 (vi) authorizing a parole and probation agent to access the person's
24 personal computer to check for material relating to sexual relations with minors;

25 (vii) requiring a person to take regular polygraph examinations;

26 (viii) prohibiting a person from contacting specific individuals or
27 categories of individuals; and

28 (ix) any other conditions deemed appropriate by the sentencing court
29 or juvenile court.

30 (4) The sentencing court or juvenile court may adjust the special conditions
31 of lifetime sexual offender supervision, in consultation with the person's sexual offender
32 management team.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to
2 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or
3 application to any conviction before the effective date of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2021.