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House Bill 347
In Support Of
Criminal Law - Exploitation of Vulnerable Adult or Elderly Individual
-
Undue Influence
House Judiciary Committee
Hearing: January 14 at 1:00 p.m.

The Legislative Committee of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) requests a favorable report on House Bill 347 Criminal Law - Exploitation of Vulnerable Adult or Elderly Individual - Undue Influence.

The legislation alters the definition of "undue Influence" for purposes of provisions of law prohibiting the exploitation of certain vulnerable adults or individuals at least 68 years old; requiring a court to determine whether a transfer of property was induced by undue influence and to consider certain factors.

The newly added Section 8-801 6(i)(a) specifically defines undue influence. Section G, also newly added, details the factors to be considered by the court in determining whether property was obtained by undue influence and the equity of the result. This additional text further helps to define the severity of the crime.

On behalf of the almost 14,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we request a favorable vote on HB 347.

Sincerely,

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