

HB0531 - Criminal Procedure - Sexual Offenders - Lifetime Supervision -
SUPPORT

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Delegate Clippinger,

I am writing in support of HB0531, as this bill would expand the probation term for anyone convicted of Sexual Abuse of a Minor to lifetime supervision. Currently, offenders convicted of this crime becoHome Page (maryland.gov)me Tier III Registered Sex Offenders for life, however they are only on probation for 5 years. The Sex Offender Registry itself is primarily a directory of information, with limited actual restrictions. Additional restrictions such as no unmonitored contact with minors, mandatory therapy, or drug testing, are only available through probation. Having only a 5-year probationary term for these types of offenders leaves many years in which an offender is still required to be on the Sex Offender Registry but is not also under the supervision and monitoring of a Probation Officer. There are so many holes in the system that is supposed to protect our children. Recently a registered tier three lifetime offender reoffended molesting two more young girls. Imagine if he wasn't on probation still. More precautions are needed to protect the innocence of the next generation.

HB0531 is necessary in order to better protect the community, especially children, from already convicted offenders and reduce the number of repeat offenses.

Sincerely,

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