

without substantive change from the first, second, and third clauses of former Art. 27, § 635. The balance of Art. 27, § 635 is revised at § 6-228 of the Criminal Procedure Article.

Article - Family Law

Title 4. Spouses.

Subtitle 5. Domestic Violence.

Part I. [Definitions;] DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS.

4-501. DEFINITIONS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) ABUSE.

(1) "ABUSE" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTS:

(I) AN ACT THAT CAUSES SERIOUS BODILY HARM;

(II) AN ACT THAT PLACES A PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF IN FEAR OF IMMINENT SERIOUS BODILY HARM;

(III) ASSAULT IN ANY DEGREE;

(IV) RAPE OR SEXUAL OFFENSE AS DEFINED BY ARTICLE 27, §§ 462 THROUGH 464C OF THE CODE OR ATTEMPTED RAPE OR SEXUAL OFFENSE IN ANY DEGREE; OR

(V) FALSE IMPRISONMENT.

(2) IF THE PERSON FOR WHOM RELIEF IS SOUGHT IS A CHILD, "ABUSE" MAY ALSO INCLUDE ABUSE OF A CHILD, AS DEFINED IN TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 7 OF THIS ARTICLE. NOTHING IN THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT REASONABLE PUNISHMENT, INCLUDING REASONABLE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT, IN LIGHT OF THE AGE AND CONDITION OF THE CHILD, FROM BEING PERFORMED BY A PARENT OR STEPPARENT OF THE CHILD.

(3) IF THE PERSON FOR WHOM RELIEF IS SOUGHT IS A VULNERABLE ADULT, "ABUSE" MAY ALSO INCLUDE ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT, AS DEFINED IN TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(C) CHILD CARE PROVIDER.

"CHILD CARE PROVIDER" MEANS A PERSON THAT PROVIDES SUPERVISION AND CARE FOR A MINOR CHILD.

(D) COHABITANT.