

HOUSE BILL 1374

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2lr2468

By: **Delegates Acevero and Lehman**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2022

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Custodial Interrogation of Minors – Admissibility of Statements**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a certain rebuttable presumption that a statement made
4 by a minor during a custodial interrogation is involuntary and is inadmissible in a
5 juvenile or criminal proceeding against the minor under certain circumstances; and
6 generally relating to the admissibility of statements made by children during
7 custodial interrogation.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

10 Section 10–925

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 **10–925.**

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION” RETAINS ITS
18 JUDICIALLY DETERMINED MEANING.

19 (B) (1) THERE IS A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT A STATEMENT
20 MADE BY A MINOR DURING A CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION IS INVOLUNTARY AND IS
21 INADMISSIBLE IN A JUVENILE OR CRIMINAL PROCEEDING AGAINST THE MINOR IF
22 THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER INTENTIONALLY USED INFORMATION KNOWN BY
23 THE OFFICER TO BE FALSE IN ORDER TO ELICIT THE STATEMENT.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) THE PRESUMPTION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
2 **SUBSECTION MAY BE REBUTTED BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE**
3 **STATEMENT WAS VOLUNTARY AND NOT MADE IN RESPONSE TO THE FALSE**
4 **INFORMATION USED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO ELICIT THE**
5 **STATEMENT.**

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2022.