



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 290**

LCO No. 1126

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A PERSON  
WHOSE ABILITY TO CONSENT IS SUBSTANTIALLY IMPAIRED DUE  
TO MENTAL DISABILITY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 952 of the general statutes be amended to clarify that a
- 2 person may be guilty of sexual assault if the victim's ability to consent
- 3 is substantially impaired due to a mental disability and the actor
- 4 knows or has reasonable cause to know that the ability of such victim
- 5 to communicate lack of consent is so impaired.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To clarify that a person may be guilty of sexual assault if the victim's ability to consent is substantially impaired due to a mental disability and the actor knows or has reasonable cause to know that the ability of such victim to communicate lack of consent is so impaired.