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1 Senator Adelman of the 42nd offered the following amendment:

- Amend SB 336 by inserting on line 5 of page 1, following "applicability;", the following:
- 3 "to provide legislative findings; to provide immunity from liability for sexual assault nurse
- 4 examiners conducting examinations in support of a law enforcement investigation and
- 5 providers of facilities for such examinations;".
- 6 By inserting immediately following line 25 of page 2 the following:

7 "SECTION 2-A.

- 8 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:
- 9 '51-1-50.

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- 10 (a) The General Assembly hereby recognizes the essential expertise and support provided
- to law enforcement agencies and prosecutors by sexual assault nurse examiners and the
- providers of facilities for sexual assault examinations and the need to protect said
- examiners and facility providers from civil liability that may arise from such examinations.
- 14 (b) Without waiving or affecting any existing immunity from any source and to be
- cumulative of any existing immunity from any source, unless it is established that injuries
- or death was caused by gross negligence or willful or wanton conduct:
 - (1) No licensed hospital, clinic, or nonprofit organization that provides facilities for the
 - medical and forensic examination of alleged victims of sexual assault; and
- 19 (2) No certified sexual assault nurse examiner who examines alleged victims
- at the request of an agency of the state or one of its political subdivisions or a nonprofit
- agency certified by the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to be authorized to request
- such examinations shall be liable for any damages or injuries sustained by the alleged victim
- of sexual assault when the damages or injuries are alleged to have occurred by reason of an
- act or omission to act during the examination."