Attorneys Prepare for Potential Flood of Cases as Pennsylvania Considers New Abuse Laws

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Philadelphia, PA - Pennsylvania lawmakers are currently reviewing proposed legislation that could significantly impact survivors of childhood sexual abuse. The proposed changes would eliminate the civil statute of limitations for child sex abuse claims and introduce a two-year "look-back" window, allowing previously time-barred cases to proceed. If enacted, the legislation is expected to lead to a surge of new lawsuits, as survivors who were previously denied justice will finally have the opportunity to hold their abusers and negligent institutions accountable.

Survivors of Abuse, a leading Pennsylvania sexual abuse law firm dedicated to representing survivors of sexual abuse, is preparing for the potential wave of litigation that may follow these legal reforms. The firm, led by experienced attorneys, has long advocated for the extension of legal deadlines, recognizing that trauma often delays a survivor?s ability to come forward. These changes, if approved, would bring Pennsylvania in line with other states that have already implemented similar reforms to support survivors.

Attorney Ashley B. DiLiberto, lead attorney of Survivors of Abuse Pennsylvania, expressed the firm?s commitment to assisting survivors who may soon have the legal pathway to pursue justice. "For too long, survivors have been denied their right to seek justice due to deadlines that fail to account for the realities of trauma and delayed disclosure," DiLiberto stated. "Survivors of childhood sexual abuse often face significant barriers to legal action, including emotional trauma, fear of retaliation, and a lack of resources. Many victims do not disclose their abuse until well into adulthood, only to discover that the statute of limitations prevents them from taking legal action. The proposed law changes aim to remove these barriers, empowering survivors to come forward when they are ready," says DiLiberto.

If the legislation is enacted, Pennsylvania could see an influx of lawsuits against individual perpetrators and the institutions that enabled or covered up the abuse. Schools, churches, juvenile detention centers, and other organizations with histories of abuse allegations may be held accountable for past failures to protect children in their care. Legal experts predict that the law could lead to a landmark moment in the fight for justice, similar to what has been observed in states like New York and California, where look-back windows have resulted in thousands of new cases.

Survivors of Abuse Pennsylvania is prepared to handle these cases with the dedication and expertise necessary to support survivors through the legal process. The firm provides confidential consultations to individuals who believe they may have a claim under the new law. "We encourage anyone who has suffered abuse to reach out and learn about their rights," DiLiberto emphasized. "Even if they were previously told they had no legal options, this law may change that."

As Pennsylvania lawmakers continue to debate these critical reforms, the legal community and survivor advocacy groups remain vigilant, pushing for meaningful changes that prioritize justice over procedural limitations. The attorneys at Survivors of Abuse Pennsylvania remain steadfast in their mission to fight for survivors of sexual abuse in Pennsylvania and ensure that no one is denied the opportunity to seek legal recourse due to outdated legal constraints.

For more information or to schedule a confidential consultation, visit Survivors of Abuse Pennsylvania. Survivors are encouraged to stay informed about their legal rights and take action when they are ready. The fight for justice continues, and Pennsylvania stands on the verge of a historic shift in how childhood sexual abuse cases are handled.

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