

# HOUSE BILL 427

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Protective Orders – Duration of Final Order**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum duration of a final protective order; and  
4 generally relating to the duration of a final protective order.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Family Law  
7 Section 4–506(g)  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2006 Replacement Volume)

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

12 **Article – Family Law**

13 4–506.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (g)   (1)   Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, all relief  
2 granted in a final protective order shall be effective for the period stated in the order,  
3 not to exceed [12] **24** months.

4                   (2)   A subsequent circuit court order pertaining to any of the provisions  
5 included in the final protective order shall supersede those provisions in the final  
6 protective order.

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2007.