

SENATE BILL 811

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By: **Senator Muse**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Domestic Violence – Duration of Protective Order – Subsequent Act of Abuse**

3 FOR the purpose of extending the maximum duration of a final protective order under
4 certain circumstances; and generally relating to domestic violence and the
5 duration of a final protective order.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Family Law
8 Section 4–506(h)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Family Law**

14 4–506.

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

18 (2) **IF THE COURT ISSUES A FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER UNDER**
19 **THIS SECTION AGAINST A RESPONDENT FOR AN ACT OF ABUSE COMMITTED**
20 **WITHIN 1 YEAR AFTER THE DATE THAT A PRIOR PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUED**
21 **AGAINST THE SAME RESPONDENT EXPIRES, ALL RELIEF GRANTED IN THE FINAL**
22 **PROTECTIVE ORDER SHALL BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE PERIOD STATED IN THE**
23 **ORDER, NOT TO EXCEED 2 YEARS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3)** A subsequent circuit court order pertaining to any of the provisions
2 included in the final protective order shall supersede those provisions in the final
3 protective order.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2009.