

# HOUSE BILL 805

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Domestic Violence – Timely Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a petition for a protective order to be filed within a  
4 certain period of time after the alleged act of abuse on which the petition is  
5 based; and generally relating to domestic violence.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Family Law  
8 Section 4–504(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 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 4–504.

15 (a) A petitioner may seek relief from abuse by filing with a court, or with a  
16 commissioner under the circumstances specified in § 4–504.1(a) of this subtitle, a  
17 petition that alleges abuse of any person eligible for relief by the respondent, **IF THE**  
18 **ABUSE OCCURRED WITHIN 30 DAYS BEFORE THE FILING OF THE PETITION.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2011.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

