

## **Chapter 7**

### **(Senate Bill 35)**

AN ACT concerning

#### **Family Law – Domestic Violence Incident Report – Dissemination**

FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that a certain law enforcement unit provide a copy of a certain domestic violence incident report to the Department of State Police; and generally relating to the dissemination of domestic violence incident reports.

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Article – Family Law  
Section 4–502  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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Article – Family Law  
Section 4–503.1  
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### **Article – Family Law**

4–502.

(a) (1) Any person who alleges to have been a victim of abuse and who believes there is a danger of serious and immediate personal harm may request the help of a local law enforcement unit.

(2) A local law enforcement officer who responds to the request for help shall:

(i) protect the person from harm when responding to the request; and

(ii) accompany the person to the family home so that the person may remove the following items, regardless of who paid for the items:

1. the personal clothing of the person and of any child in the care of the person; and
2. the personal effects, including medicine or medical devices, of the person and of any child in the care of the person that the person or child needs immediately.

(b) A law enforcement officer who responds to a request described in subsection (a) of this section has the immunity from liability described under § 5–610 of the Courts Article.

4–503.1.

(a) If an incident report is filed when a law enforcement officer responds to a request for help under § 4–502 of this Part I of this subtitle, the law enforcement unit shall provide a copy of the report[:

- (1) to the Department of State Police; and
- (2) on request,] to the victim **ON REQUEST**.

(b) The victim need not obtain a subpoena to receive a copy of the incident report.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

**Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2014.**