SENATE BILL 491

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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Family Law – Domestic Violence – Permanent Protective Orders

FOR the purpose of expanding the circumstances under which the court is required to issue a certain permanent protective order; requiring the court to issue a permanent protective order against a certain individual if, during the term of a certain protective order, the individual committed an act of abuse against a certain person eligible for relief under certain circumstances; making certain conforming changes; altering certain terminology; and generally relating to domestic violence.

- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 10 Article Family Law
- 11 Section 4–506(k)
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

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Article – Family Law

17 4–506.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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1 (k) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the court shall 2 issue a [new final] **PERMANENT** protective order **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION** against an 3 individual if:

4 (i) [the individual was previously a respondent under this subtitle
5 against whom a final] AN INTERIM, TEMPORARY, OR FINAL protective order [was] HAS
6 BEEN issued UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL;

71. (ii) for the act of abuse that led to the issuance of the final 8 protective order,] the individual was convicted and sentenced to serve a term of 9 imprisonment of at least 5 years [under § 2-205, § 2-206, § 3-202, § 3-203, § 3-303, 10 § 3–304, § 3–309, or § 3–310 of the Criminal Law Article, § 3–305, § 3–306, § 3–311, or 11 § 3–312 of the Criminal Law Article as the sections existed before October 1, 2017, or for 12conspiracy or solicitation to commit murder] FOR THE ACT OF ABUSE THAT LED TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE INTERIM, TEMPORARY, OR FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER and the 1314individual has served at least 12 months of the sentence; [and] OR

152.A.DURINGTHETERMOFTHEINTERIM,16TEMPORARY, OR FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER, THE INDIVIDUAL COMMITTED AN ACT17OF ABUSE AGAINST THE PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF; AND

18B.THE INDIVIDUAL WAS CONVICTED AND SENTENCED19TO SERVE A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF AT LEAST 5 YEARS FOR THE ACT AND HAS20SERVED AT LEAST 12 MONTHS OF THE SENTENCE; AND

(iii) the victim of the ACT OF abuse DESCRIBED IN ITEM (II)1 OR 2
 OF THIS PARAGRAPH, who was the person eligible for relief in the [original final]
 INTERIM, TEMPORARY, OR FINAL protective order, requests the issuance of a [new final]
 PERMANENT protective order UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(2) In a [final] PERMANENT protective order issued under this subsection,
the court may grant only the relief that was granted in the original protective order under
§ 4-504.1(C)(1) OR (2) OR § 4-505(A)(2)(I) OR (II) OF THIS SUBTITLE OR subsection
(d)(1) or (2) of this section.

(3) Unless terminated at the request of the victim, a [final] protective order
 issued under this subsection shall be permanent.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 32 October 1, 2018.

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