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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Domestic Violence - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the amount of the fine and the term of imprisonment  
4 for failure to comply with the relief granted in an ex parte order or protective  
5 order; and generally relating to penalties for failure to comply with certain relief  
6 granted in an ex parte order or protective order.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Family Law  
9 Section 4-509  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Family Law**

15 4-509.

16 (a) A person who fails to comply with the relief granted in an ex parte order  
17 under § 4-505(a)(2)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v) of this subtitle or in a protective order  
18 under § 4-506(d)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and  
19 on conviction is subject, for each offense, to a fine not exceeding [\$500] \$10,000 or  
20 imprisonment not exceeding [90 days] 3 YEARS or both.

21 (b) An officer shall arrest with or without a warrant and take into custody a  
22 person whom the officer has probable cause to believe is in violation of an ex parte  
23 order or protective order in effect at the time of the violation.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 1998.