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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Domestic Violence - Definition of Home**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "home" in provisions relating to
4 proceedings for relief from domestic violence; and generally relating to domestic
5 violence.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article - Family Law
8 Section 4-501(c) and (h)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Family Law
13 Section 4-501(f)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1991 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Family Law**

19 4-501.

20 (c) "Cohabitant" means a person who has had a sexual relationship with the
21 respondent and resided with the respondent in the home for a period of at least 90
22 days within 1 year before the filing of the petition.

23 (f) "Home" means the property [in this State] that:

24 (1) is the principal residence of a person eligible for relief; and

1 (2) is owned, rented, or leased by the person eligible for relief or
2 respondent or, in a petition alleging child abuse or abuse of a vulnerable adult, an
3 adult living in the home at the time of a proceeding under this subtitle.

4 (h) "Person eligible for relief" includes:

5 (1) the current or former spouse of the respondent;

6 (2) a cohabitant of the respondent;

7 (3) a person related to the respondent by blood, marriage, or adoption;

8 (4) a parent, stepparent, child, or stepchild of the respondent or the
9 person eligible for relief who resides or resided with the respondent or person eligible
10 for relief for at least 90 days within 1 year before the filing of the petition;

11 (5) a vulnerable adult; or

12 (6) an individual who has a child in common with the respondent.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 1999.