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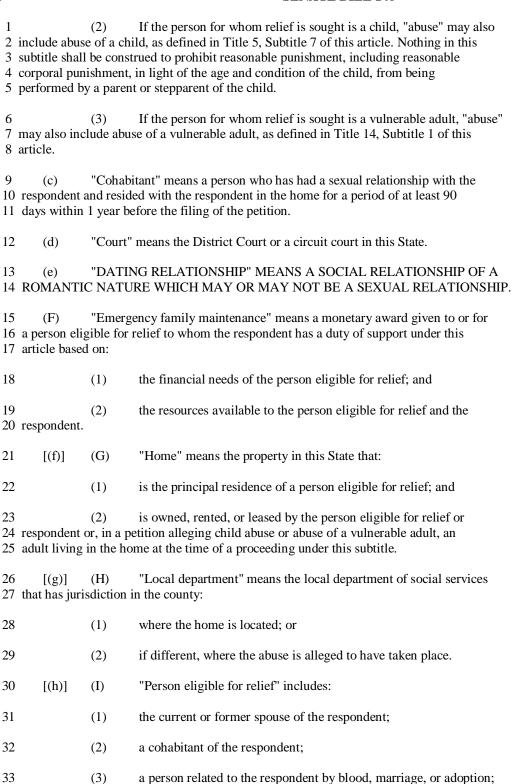
By: Senators Kelley, Baker, Hughes, Mitchell, Forehand, Jimeno, Colburn,

Green, Roesser, Lawlah, Stone, Hoffman, Ferguson, and Haines Introduced and read first time: January 27, 1999

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

			A BILL ENTITLED				
1	AN ACT concerning						
2		Family Law - Domestic Violence - Dating Relationship					
3 4 5	FOR the purpose of providing that certain persons in a dating relationship are eligible for relief through a civil protective order and may file a petition for relief from abuse; defining a certain term; and generally relating to domestic violence.						
6 7 8 9	Section 4-501 Annotated Code of Maryland						
1	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:						
3	Article - Family Law						
4	4-501.						
5	(a) In this s	ubtitle the	e following words have the meanings indicated.				
6	(b) (1)	"Abuse"	means any of the following acts:				
7		(i)	an act that causes serious bodily harm;				
8	serious bodily harm;	(ii)	an act that places a person eligible for relief in fear of imminent				
20		(iii)	assault in any degree;				
21 22	464C of the Code or	(iv) attempted	rape or sexual offense as defined by Article 27, §§ 462 through d rape or sexual offense in any degree; or				

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			ief who r	, stepparent, child, or stepchild of the respondent or the esides or resided with the respondent or person eligible ithin 1 year before the filing of the petition;
4		(5)	a vulner	able adult; [or]
5		(6)	an indiv	idual who has a child in common with the respondent; OR
			TH THE	ON WHOM THE COURT DETERMINES IS IN A DATING RESPONDENT OR WHO HAS HAD A DATING RELATIONSHIP AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:
9			(I)	THE LENGTH OF THE RELATIONSHIP;
10			(II)	THE NATURE OF THE RELATIONSHIP; OR
11			(III)	THE FREQUENCY OF INTERACTION.
12	[(i)]	(J)	(1)	"Petitioner" means an individual who files a petition.
13		(2)	"Petition	ner" includes:
14			(i)	a person eligible for relief; or
15 16	of a minor o	r vulnera	(ii) ble adult:	the following persons who may seek relief from abuse on behalf:
17 18	vulnerable a	dult lives	, or, if di	1. the State's Attorney for the county where the child or fferent, where the abuse is alleged to have taken place;
	the county w			2. the department of social services that has jurisdiction in vulnerable adult lives, or, if different, where the abuse
22 23	marriage, or	adoption	ı; or	3. a person related to the child or vulnerable adult by blood,
24				4. an adult who resides in the home.
25 26	[(j)] areas surrou	(K) nding the		nce" includes the yard, grounds, outbuildings, and common ee.
27 28	[(k)] committed the	(L) he abuse.		ident" means the person alleged in the petition to have
29 30	[(l)] article.	(M)	"Vulner	able adult" has the meaning provided in § 14-101(q) of this
31	SECTIO		D BE IT	FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect