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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Peace Orders - Eligibility**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions precluding an individual who is
4 eligible to petition for relief under the domestic violence statutes from
5 petitioning for relief under the peace order statutes; and generally relating to
6 eligibility for relief under the peace order statutes.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
9 Section 3-1502
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Family Law
14 Section 4-510
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

20 3-1502.

21 [(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, by] BY proceeding
22 under this subtitle, a petitioner is not limited to or precluded from pursuing any other
23 legal remedy.

24 [(b) This subtitle does not apply to an individual who is entitled to petition for
25 relief from abuse under Title 4, Subtitle 5 of the Family Law Article.]

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Article - Family Law

2 4-510.

3 [(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, by] BY proceeding
4 under this subtitle, a petitioner, including a petitioner who acts on behalf of a child or
5 vulnerable adult, is not limited to or precluded from pursuing any other legal remedy.

6 [(b) An individual who is eligible to petition for relief under this subtitle may
7 not petition for relief under Title 3, Subtitle 15 of the Courts Article.]

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2000.