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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Domestic Violence Orders - Evidence in Divorce Proceedings**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that an order or decision in a domestic violence
4 proceeding is inadmissible as evidence in a divorce proceeding for a certain
5 purpose; and generally relating to the admissibility of domestic violence orders
6 and decisions in divorce proceedings.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Family Law
9 Section 7-103.1
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 1999 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 7-103.1.

16 (a) An order or decision in a proceeding under Title 4, Subtitle 5 of this article
17 is inadmissible as evidence in a proceeding under this title FOR THE PURPOSE OF
18 PROVING THAT ABUSE, AS DEFINED IN § 4-501 OF THIS ARTICLE, OCCURRED.

19 (b) In a proceeding under this title, a court may not consider compliance with
20 an order issued under Title 4, Subtitle 5 of this article as grounds for granting a
21 decree of limited or absolute divorce.

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