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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Domestic Violence - Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of making it a misdemeanor subject to certain penalties for a
4 respondent in a proceeding for relief from certain abuse to willfully fail to
5 complete certain counseling or a domestic violence program ordered by the court
6 in a protective order; and generally relating to penalties for failure to comply
7 with certain relief granted in an ex parte order or protective order.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Family Law
10 Section 4-509
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Family Law**

16 4-509.

17 (a) A person who fails to comply with the relief granted in an ex parte order
18 under § 4-505(a)(2)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v) of this subtitle or in a protective order under
19 § 4-506(d)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of this subtitle OR A RESPONDENT WHO WILLFULLY
20 FAILS TO COMPLETE COUNSELING OR A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM ORDERED
21 UNDER § 4-506(D)(11) OF THIS SUBTITLE is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction
22 is subject, for each offense, to:

23 (1) for a first offense, a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not
24 exceeding 90 days or both; and

1 (2) for a second or subsequent offense, a fine not exceeding \$2,500 or
2 imprisonment not exceeding 1 year or both.

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

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2002.