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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Protective Orders - Duration of Final Order**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum duration of a final protective order; and  
4 generally relating to the duration of a final protective order.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article - Family Law  
7 Section 4-506(g)  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2004 Replacement Volume)

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

12 **Article - Family Law**

13 4-506.

14 (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, all relief  
15 granted in a final protective order shall be effective for the period stated in the order,  
16 not to exceed [12] 24 months.

17 (2) A subsequent circuit court order pertaining to any of the provisions  
18 included in the final protective order shall supersede those provisions in the final  
19 protective order.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2005.