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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Protective Orders - ~~Duration~~ Extension 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~~ period of time for
5 which a judge may extend a final protective order under certain circumstances;
6 making certain clarifying changes; and generally relating to protective orders.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article - Family Law

9 Section 4-506(g) and 4-507(a)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2004 Replacement Volume)

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 4-506.

16 (g) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection AND §
17 4-507(A)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE, all relief granted in a final protective order shall be
18 effective for the period stated in the order, not to exceed {12} 24 months.

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

4 4-507.

5 (a) (1) A protective order may be modified or rescinded during the term of
6 the protective order after:

7 (i) giving notice to all affected persons eligible for relief and the
8 respondent; and

9 (ii) a hearing.

10 (2) For good cause shown, a judge may extend the term of the protective
11 order for [6] 12 months beyond the period specified in § 4-506(g) of this subtitle,
12 after:

13 (i) giving notice to all affected persons eligible for relief and the
14 respondent; and

15 (ii) a hearing.

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