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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law - Family Home or Family Use Personal Property - Termination**  
3 **of Order or Decree**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the time period after an annulment or limited or  
5 absolute divorce when an order or decree concerning a family home or family use  
6 personal property terminates; and generally relating to the termination of an  
7 order or decree concerning a family home or family use personal property.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article - Family Law

10 Section 8-210(a)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2004 Replacement Volume)

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 8-210.

17 (a) (1) In any order or decree, or any modification of an order or decree, a  
18 provision that concerns the family home or family use personal property shall  
19 terminate no later than [3] 5 years after the date on which the court grants an  
20 annulment or a limited or absolute divorce.

1                   (2)       The [3-year] 5-YEAR limitation set out in paragraph (1) of this  
2 subsection applies to a limited divorce notwithstanding the subsequent granting of an  
3 absolute divorce.

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