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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 325  
Judiciary

(Delegate Dumais, *et al.*)

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

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This bill increases, from three to five years, the time period that a provision concerning the family home or family use personal property remains in effect after the date a court grants an annulment or a limited or absolute divorce. The five-year limitation applies to a limited divorce notwithstanding the subsequent granting of an absolute divorce.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** A provision regarding the family home or family use property must terminate no later than three years after the date a court grants an annulment or a limited or absolute divorce. The three-year limitation applies to limited divorces notwithstanding the subsequent granting of an absolute divorce.

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Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 261 (Senator Grosfeld, *et al.*) – Judicial Proceedings.

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