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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 altering the maximum duration of an order or decree concerning
5   a family home or family use personal property; providing for the application of
6   this Act; and generally relating to the termination of an order or decree
7   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 and 2005 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 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 be
5 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have
6 any effect on or application to any action for divorce or annulment filed before the
7 effective date of this Act.

8   SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2006.