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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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 and 2005 Supplement)

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.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 October 1, 2006.