

HOUSE BILL 118

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By: **Delegates Simmons, Waldstreicher, Anderson, Carter, Dumais, Dwyer, Kelly, Kramer, Lee, O'Donnell, Rosenberg, Shank, Smigiel, and Valderrama**

Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2009

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Domestic Violence – Domestic Violence Central Repository**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to maintain a
4 Domestic Violence Central Repository; requiring that the Central Repository
5 store all domestic violence orders entered in the State; establishing the
6 purposes of the Central Repository; defining a certain term; and generally
7 relating to domestic violence and the Domestic Violence Central Repository.

8 BY adding to
9 Article – Family Law
10 Section 4–512
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 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 **4–512.**

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “CENTRAL REPOSITORY” MEANS THE DOMESTIC
18 VIOLENCE CENTRAL REPOSITORY.

19 (B) THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS SHALL MAINTAIN A
20 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTRAL REPOSITORY.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY SHALL STORE ALL DOMESTIC**
2 **VIOLENCE ORDERS ENTERED IN THE STATE.**

3 **(D) THE PURPOSES OF THE CENTRAL REPOSITORY ARE TO:**

4 **(1) PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
5 **ORDERS BY JUDGES, COURT PERSONNEL, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES;**

6 **(2) IMPROVE THE COURTS' ABILITY TO RESPOND EFFECTIVELY,**
7 **PROMPTLY, AND IN A COORDINATED MANNER TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES;**

8 **(3) ELIMINATE CONFLICTING OR SIMULTANEOUS DOMESTIC**
9 **VIOLENCE ORDERS BY IMPROVING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE DISTRICT**
10 **COURT AND THE CIRCUIT COURTS;**

11 **(4) ENHANCE THE ENFORCEABILITY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
12 **ORDERS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; AND**

13 **(5) FACILITATE SERVICE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ORDERS.**

14 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
15 **October 1, 2009.**