

HOUSE BILL 293

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By: **Delegates Dumais, Atterbeary, Hettleman, Morales, Sanchez, and Valentino-Smith**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2017

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Divorce – Domestic Violence Order**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a provision providing that an order or a decision in a domestic
4 violence proceeding is inadmissible as evidence in a divorce proceeding; repealing a
5 provision prohibiting a court from considering compliance with a domestic violence
6 order as grounds for granting a decree of limited or absolute divorce; and generally
7 relating to the admissibility and consideration of domestic violence orders in divorce
8 proceedings.

9 BY repealing

10 Article – Family Law

11 Section 7-103.1

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Family Law**

17 [7-103.1.

18 (a) An order or decision in a proceeding under Title 4, Subtitle 5 of this article is
19 inadmissible as evidence in a proceeding under this title.

20 (b) In a proceeding under this title, a court may not consider compliance with an
21 order issued under Title 4, Subtitle 5 of this article as grounds for granting a decree of
22 limited or absolute divorce.]

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2017.