

SENATE BILL 721

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CF HB 929

By: **Senator Henson**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Permanent Protective Orders – Consent**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying that an individual may consent to the issuance of a
4 permanent protective order against the individual; and generally relating to
5 permanent protective orders.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Family Law
8 Section 4–506(k)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Family Law**

14 4–506.

15 (k) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the court shall
16 issue a permanent protective order under this subsection against an individual if:

17 (i) an interim, temporary, or final protective order has been issued
18 under this subtitle against the individual;

19 (ii) 1. the individual was convicted and sentenced to serve a term
20 of imprisonment of at least 5 years for the act of abuse that led to the issuance of the
21 interim, temporary, or final protective order and the individual has served at least 12
22 months of the sentence; [or]

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 2. A. during the term of the interim, temporary, or final
2 protective order, the individual committed an act of abuse against the person eligible for
3 relief; and

4 B. the individual was convicted and sentenced to serve a term
5 of imprisonment of at least 5 years for the act and has served at least 12 months of the
6 sentence; **[and] OR**

7 **3. THE INDIVIDUAL CONSENTS TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE**
8 **PERMANENT PROTECTIVE ORDER; AND**

9 (iii) the victim of the act of abuse described in item (ii)1 or 2 of this
10 paragraph, who was the person eligible for relief in the interim, temporary, or final
11 protective order, requests the issuance of a permanent protective order under this
12 subsection.

13 (2) In a permanent protective order issued under this subsection, the court
14 may grant only the relief that was granted in the original protective order under §
15 4-504.1(c)(1) or (2) or § 4-505(a)(2)(i) or (ii) of this subtitle or subsection (d)(1) or (2) of this
16 section.

17 (3) Unless terminated at the request of the victim, a protective order issued
18 under this subsection shall be permanent.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 October 1, 2025.