

# SENATE BILL 721

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By: **Senator Henson**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

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

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

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

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

(2) In a permanent protective order issued under this subsection, the court may grant only the relief that was granted in the original protective order under § 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 section.

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

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.