

**HB0336/593722/1**

BY: Senator Love

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 336  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, before line 13, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 2–607(c)(6)(iii) and 2–607.1(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)  
(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 17, strike “or”; in line 19, after “community” insert “; **OR**

**E. THE APPLICANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER UNDER TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE AND THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THE DEFENDANT POSES AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE APPLICANT, A CHILD OF THE APPLICANT, OR A FAMILY MEMBER OF THE APPLICANT”;**

and in line 24, strike “**ON**” and substitute “**UNLESS AN ARREST WARRANT MAY BE ISSUED UNDER § 2–607(C)(6)(III)2E OF THIS SUBTITLE, ON**”.

On page 5, before line 15, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

2–607.

(c) (6) (iii) A District Court commissioner may issue an arrest warrant only on a finding that:

1. There is probable cause to believe that the defendant committed the offense charged in the charging document; and

2. A. The defendant previously has failed to respond to a summons that has been personally served or a citation;

B. The whereabouts of the defendant are unknown and the issuance of a warrant is necessary to subject the defendant to the jurisdiction of the court;

C. The defendant is in custody for another offense; OR

D. There is probable cause to believe that the defendant poses a danger to another person or to the community]; or

E. The applicant is eligible for a protective order under Title 4, Subtitle 5 of the Family Law Article and there is probable cause to believe the defendant poses an immediate danger to the applicant, a child of the applicant, or a family member of the applicant].

2–607.1.

(a) [Unless an arrest warrant may be issued under § 2–607(c)(6)(iii)2E of this subtitle, on] ON review of an application for a statement of charges submitted by an

individual who is not a police officer or a State's Attorney, a District Court commissioner:

(1) May issue a summons, if the commissioner determines that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant committed the offense or offenses charged in the charging document;

(2) May not issue an arrest warrant; and

(3) Shall refer an application for a statement of charges for which a summons was issued under item (1) of this subsection to the State's Attorney's office for review and a prompt determination of whether a request for an arrest warrant shall be made, if the District Court commissioner finds that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant poses a danger to another person or to the community.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on April 1, 2027, October 1, 2027, April 1, 2028, and October 1, 2028, the Maryland Judiciary shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the following that occurred in the immediately preceding 6 months:

(1) the number of arrest warrants issued by a District Court commissioner disaggregated by type of requestor of the statement of charges;

(2) the number of warrants sought disaggregated by type of requestor of the statement of charges;

(3) the final disposition of the case; and

(4) the reason for the final disposition.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2028.”;

(Over)

in line 15, strike “2.” and substitute “5.”; and in the same line, after “That” insert “, except as provided in Section 4 of this Act.”.