

# HOUSE BILL 1366

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By: **Delegate Nkongolo**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Final Protective Orders – Duration**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring all relief granted under a final protective order to remain  
4 effective against a respondent on probation during the period of the respondent's  
5 probation; and generally relating to final protective orders.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Family Law  
8 Section 4–506(j)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 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 (j) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) [and], (3), AND (4) of this  
16 subsection, all relief granted in a final protective order shall be effective for the period  
17 stated in the order, not to exceed 1 year.

18 (2) [All] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4) OF THIS  
19 SUBSECTION, ALL relief granted in a final protective order shall be effective for the period  
20 stated in the order, not to exceed 2 years if:

21 (i) the court issues a final protective order under this section against  
22 a respondent on behalf of a person eligible for relief:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                                   1.       for an act of abuse committed within 1 year after the date  
2 that a prior final protective order issued against the same respondent on behalf of the same  
3 person eligible for relief expires; or

4                                   2.       by consent of the respondent within 1 year after the date  
5 that a prior final protective order issued against the same respondent on behalf of the same  
6 person eligible for relief expires; and

7                                   (ii)     the prior final protective order was issued for a period of at least  
8 6 months.

9                                   (3)     **IF A RESPONDENT IS ON PROBATION AT THE TIME A FINAL**  
10 **PROTECTIVE ORDER IS ISSUED, OR IF THE RESPONDENT IS PLACED ON PROBATION**  
11 **DURING THE EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF A FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER, THE RELIEF**  
12 **GRANTED IN THE FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER MAY NOT TERMINATE BEFORE THE**  
13 **PROBATION EXPIRES OR IS TERMINATED BY COURT ORDER.**

14                                  (4)     A subsequent circuit court order pertaining to any of the provisions  
15 included in the final protective order shall supersede those provisions in the final protective  
16 order.

17                                  SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2026.