

HOUSE BILL 1541

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By: **Delegate Bhandari**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2026

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workgroup to Study Extreme Risk Protective Orders**
3 **(Sagar Ghimire Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup to Study Extreme Risk Protective Orders;
5 and generally relating to the Workgroup to Study Extreme Risk Protective Orders.

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
7 That:

8 (a) There is a Workgroup to Study Extreme Risk Protective Orders.

9 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

10 (1) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

11 (2) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

12 (3) the Public Defender, or the Public Defender's designee;

13 (4) the President of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, or the
14 President's designee;

15 (5) the President of the Maryland Sheriffs' Association, or the President's
16 designee; and

17 (6) one representative, appointed by the Governor, of an organization
18 specializing in providing mental health services in the State.

19 (c) The Secretary of Health shall be the chair of the Workgroup.

20 (d) The Department of Health shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (e) A member of the Workgroup:

2 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

3 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
4 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

5 (f) The Workgroup shall:

6 (1) study the use of extreme risk protective orders in the State; and

7 (2) develop policy recommendations for improving the use of extreme risk
8 protective orders in the State.

9 (g) On or before May 1, 2027, the Workgroup shall report its findings and
10 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
11 Government Article, the General Assembly.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
13 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June
14 30, 2028, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
15 abrogated and of no further force and effect.