

**MARYLAND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE**  
**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Hon. Mary Ellen Barbera  
Chief Judge

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
**FROM:** Legislative Committee  
Suzanne D. Pelz, Esq.  
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**RE:** Senate Bill 227  
Family Law – Final Protective Order - Extension  
**DATE:** January 23, 2020  
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**POSITION:** Support

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The Maryland Judiciary supports Senate Bill 227. This bill amends the language in Family Law § 4-507(a)(4)(ii) so that it is clear that if a motion to extend the term of a final protective order is filed but no hearing on the motion is held before the original expiration date of the final protective order then the order shall automatically be extended and the original terms shall remain in effect until the hearing.

The Judiciary supports the objective of the bill. It is intended to clarify that when a motion to extend is filed prior to the expiration date, but the hearing is held after the expiration date, the order shall automatically extend to the hearing on the motion.

cc. Hon. Jeff Waldstreicher  
Judicial Council  
Legislative Committee  
Kelley O'Connor