

MARYLAND JUDICIAL CONFERENCE
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Hon. Mary Ellen Barbera
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MEMORANDUM

TO: House Judiciary Committee
FROM: Legislative Committee
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RE: House Bill 250
Family Law – Final Protective Order - Extension
DATE: January 23, 2020
(1/30)
POSITION: Support

The Maryland Judiciary supports House Bill 250. 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. Vanessa Atterbeary
Judicial Council
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