

A023-0203

10 AN ACT concerning

20 **Protective Orders**

30 FOR the purpose of enforcing protective orders in a more effective manner, and assisting abused
40 persons to leave abusive situations, ensuring that the petitioner of a protective order will not be
50 able to terminate once effective; enabling abused persons to break the “cycle” of violence and
60 making up, and allowing the court enforce the order more successfully .

70 BY adding to
80 Article – Family Law
90 Section 4-506 (g)
100 Annotated Code of Maryland
110 (2002 Replacement Volume)

120 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE, That the
130 laws of Maryland read as follows:

140 **Article – Family Law**

150 § 4-506. Protective orders

160 (g) Duration. -

170 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, all relief granted in a
180 final protective order shall be effective for the period stated in the order, not to exceed 12
190 months.

200 (2) A subsequent circuit court order pertaining to any of the provisions included in
210 the final protective order shall supersede those provisions in the final protective order.

220 (3) THE PROTECTIVE ORDER CAN BE REPEALED BY EITHER PARTY,
230 THE PETITIONER WILL HAVE TO ALLOW THE ORDER TO EXPIRE AFTER THE
240 12 MONTH PERIOD HAS CONCLUDED.

250 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this act will take effect June 1, 2003.

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