

CHAPTER 685**(House Bill 339)**

AN ACT concerning

Family Law - Domestic Violence - Penalties

FOR the purpose of ~~increasing the amount of the fine and the term of imprisonment altering the penalties~~ for failure to comply with the relief granted in an ex parte order or protective order; and generally relating to penalties for failure to comply with certain relief granted in an ex parte order or protective order.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 4-509

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

4-509.

(a) A person who fails to comply with the relief granted in an ex parte order under § 4-505(a)(2)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v) of this subtitle or in a protective order under § 4-506(d)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) of this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject, for each offense, to:

(1) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, a fine not exceeding ~~[\$500]~~ ~~\$10,000~~ \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding ~~[90 days]~~ ~~3 YEARS~~ or both; AND

(2) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$2,500 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 1 YEAR OR BOTH.

(b) An officer shall arrest with or without a warrant and take into custody a person whom the officer has probable cause to believe is in violation of an ex parte order or protective order in effect at the time of the violation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 21, 1998.

CHAPTER 686**(House Bill 341)**

AN ACT concerning

Howard County - Alcoholic Beverage Act of 1998

FOR the purpose of establishing that the County Council for Howard County on a