

during--incidents--of--spousal--violence;--coordinating certain-statutory-provisions;--defining--certain--terms; and-relating-generally-to-spousal-violence.

BY adding-to

Article-16---Chancery  
Section--33--to--be--under--the--new--subtitle--"Spousal  
Violence"  
Annotated-Code-of-Maryland  
(1973-Replacement-Volume-and-1978-Supplement)

SECTION-17--BE-IT-ENACTED-BY-THE--GENERAL--ASSEMBLY--OF MARYLAND; That-section(s)-of-the-Annotated-Code-of-Maryland be-repealed; amended; or-enacted-to-read-as-follows:

Article-16---Chancery

SPOUSAL-VIOLENCE

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(A) (1) IN-THIS-SUBTITLE-THE-FOLLOWING--WORDS--HAVE THE-MEANINGS-INDICATED:

(2) "FAMILY-HOME"--MEANS-THE--PROPERTY--USED--AS THE--PRINCIPAL--RESIDENCE--OF-THE-SPOUSES;--REGARDLESS-OF-HOW TITLED-

(3) "LAW-ENFORCEMENT-OFFICER"--MEANS-ANY--POLICE OFFICER--OR--STATE--TROOPER--IN--THE-SERVICE-OF-THE-STATE-OF MARYLAND-OR-ANY-COUNTY-OR-MUNICIPALITY-THEREOF-

(4) "LAW-ENFORCEMENT-AGENCY"--MEANS--ANY--POLICE DEPARTMENT;--BUREAU;--OR--FORCE--OF--ANY-COUNTY-OR-BALTIMORE CITY;--ANY--POLICE--DEPARTMENT;--BUREAU;--OR--FORCE--OF--ANY INCORPORATED-MUNICIPALITY;--OR-THE-MARYLAND-STATE-POLICE-

(5) "LOCAL--DEPARTMENT--OF---SOCIAL---SERVICES" REFERS-TO-THE-JURISDICTION-IN-WHICH-THE-PETITIONER-LIVES;--OR WHERE--THE--SPOUSAL-VIOLENCE-IS-ALLEGED-TO-HAVE-TAKEN-PLACE; IF-DIFFERENT-

(6) "LOCAL-LAW-ENFORCEMENT--AGENCY"--REFERS--TO THE--JURISDICTION--IN--WHICH--THE-FAMILY-HOME-IS-LOCATED;--OR WHERE-THE-SPOUSAL-VIOLENCE-IS-ALLEGED-TO-HAVE--TAKEN--PLACE; IF-DIFFERENT-

(7) "SPOUSAL-VIOLENCE"--MEANS--ANY--ASSAULT--OR BATTERY-DIRECTED-BY-ONE-SPOUSE-AGAINST-THE-OTHER-

(B) ANY-PERSON-WHO-ALLEGES-TO-HAVE-BEEN-THE-VICTIM-OF SPOUSAL-VIOLENCE-AND-WHO--BELIEVES--THERE--IS--A--DANGER--OF FURTHER--SERIOUS--AND-IMMEDIATE-INJURY-TO-HIMSELF-OR-HERSELF MAY-REQUEST--THE--ASSISTANCE--OF--A--LOCAL--LAW--ENFORCEMENT AGENCY;--A-LOCAL-LAW-ENFORCEMENT-OFFICER-RESPONDING-TO-SUCH A-COMPLAINT-SHALL-