

Section 7-163
 Article 17 - Public Local Laws of Maryland
 (1975 Edition and 1979 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 17 - Prince George's County

7-163.

The circuit court of Prince George's County is authorized and empowered to designate, and appoint and employ, as provided in the budget of Prince George's County, one or more qualified persons to be known as the master or masters for domestic relations causes of the circuit court of Prince George's County for the purpose of hearing such cases of a domestic relations nature and performing other similar and related duties as may be from time to time prescribed by said court. ON A FINDING THAT A DEFENDANT IS IN WILLFUL CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE CHILD SUPPORT, THE MASTER MAY ORDER THE IMMEDIATE DETENTION OF THE DEFENDANT SUBJECT TO AN IMMEDIATE REVIEW BY A JUDGE IF REQUESTED. THE REVIEW SHALL BE CONDUCTED NOT LATER THAN 72 HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE REQUEST. Persons so employed shall be members of the bar of the State of Maryland and shall receive an annual salary provided by the County Executive of Prince George's County in such amount as he may from time to time prescribe after consultation with the court; and the clerk of the circuit court for Prince George's County shall reimburse the said County Executive and county council for salary so paid from the costs collected pursuant to Section 7-166 of this Subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980

Approved May 27, 1980.

CHAPTER 887

(House Bill 1945)

AN ACT concerning

Protection from Domestic Violence

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing-a-civil-procedure-available-to-victims-of-domestic-violence,--providing--for--the-venue,--remedies,--and--procedures-in-cases-of-domestic~~