violence,-granting-certain--equitable--jurisdiction--to
the--District--Court--and--to-the-Circuit-Court-of-this
State,-providing-for-maintenance-of--central--registers
of---the---court--orders,--and--generally--relating--to
procedures-in-cases-of--domestic--violence designating
certain conduct between household members as "abuse";
providing that a household member may file a petition
in a court alleging abuse by another household member;
providing for an ex parte injunction to provide
protection from abuse; providing for a subsequent
hearing; providing that the court may grant certain
relief; providing certain penalties and remedies; and
specifying certain procedural aspects related to these
proceedings.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

> Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
> Section 4-402(a)
> Annotated Code of Maryland
> (1974 Volume and 1979 Supplement)

BY adding to

> Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
> Section 4-404, 4-501 through 4-510 4-506, inclusive, to
>   be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5.
>   Protection from Domestic Violence",---and
>   6-203(f)
> Annotated Code of Maryland
> (1974 Volume and 1979 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS,--The--General--Assembly--finds--that--physical
violence-inflicted--by--people--against--their--spouses--and
household-members-is-prevalent-at-all-levels-of-society,-and

WHEREAS,---Not--only--are--these--intrafamily--assaults
physically-injurious-to-the--victim,--but--the--reliance--on
violence--as-a-means-of-resolving-domestic-disputes-produces
marital-disharmony--and--promotes--an--emotional--atmosphere
conducive-to-unhealthy-childhood-development,-and

WHEREAS,--The--remedies--available--to-the-victim-of-an
intrafamily-assault-need-to-be-expanded-to-include--a--civil
remedy--providing--immediate--and-effective-protection,-now,
therefore,

SECTION 1. 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be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows: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 - Courts and Judicial Proceedings