

CHAPTER 843

(House Bill 30)

AN ACT concerning

Domestic Violence - Temporary Ex Parte Orders

FOR the purpose of permitting the District Court or a circuit court in this State to continue a certain temporary ex parte order with respect to domestic violence for a certain period of time under certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 4-503(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1981 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

4-503.

(a) (1) If a petition is filed under this subtitle and the court determines that the petitioner has demonstrated an abuse of a household member, the court may enter a temporary ex parte order to protect the petitioner or another household member from abuse. The order shall be served immediately by a law enforcement officer on the household member named in the petition, and that household member shall have an opportunity to be heard on the question of continuing the temporary order. Notice of the date of the hearing shall be contained in the order, and this hearing shall be held not later than 5 days after service of the order on the household member.

(2) IF THE HOUSEHOLD MEMBER NAMED IN THE PETITION IS SERVED A TEMPORARY EX PARTE ORDER UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND FAILS TO APPEAR FOR A HEARING ON THE QUESTION OF CONTINUING THE TEMPORARY ORDER, THE TEMPORARY ORDER MAY BE CONTINUED FOR UP TO 15 DAYS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.