CHAPTER 374

(House Bill 1056)

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Domestic Violence – Address Confidentiality Program.

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of State to establish the Address Confidentiality Program for victims of domestic violence; stating the purpose of the Program; establishing eligibility requirements of the Program; establishing application and ~~certification procedures~~ participation requirements of the Program; requiring an applicant to provide a certain release and waiver of future claims against the State; prohibiting false statements in an application; establishing penalties for a violation of certain provisions of this Act; establishing ~~certification~~ participation cancellation procedures; authorizing a Program participant to request that certain agencies use a substitute address designated under the Program as the Program participant's address; establishing a method for certain agencies to apply for a waiver from the requirements of the Program; requiring that a certain address be used for voter registration and election–related purposes; prohibiting certain disclosures of a Program participant's address; providing a penalty for certain unauthorized disclosures of a Program participant's address; requiring the Secretary of State to adopt regulations to carry out this Act; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Address Confidentiality Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Election Law
    Section 3–505
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2003 Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Family Law
    Section 4–513
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY adding to
    Article – Family Law
    Section 4–519 through 4–530, inclusive, to be under the new part "Part IV. Address Confidentiality Program"
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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