

~~(3) in 2009, 2 members appointed by the Governor, 2 members appointed by the President of the Senate, and 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; and~~

~~(4) in 2010, 2 members appointed by the Governor, 2 members appointed by the President of the Senate, and 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates on June 1, 2005, the Governor shall appoint one member in accordance with Article 49C, § 2(b)(2)(i) of the Code, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act. Additional appointments to fill existing vacancies as of June 1, 2005 and future vacancies that occur at the end of each member's term, shall be made on a rotating basis in the following order:~~

- ~~(1) one member in accordance with Article 49C, § 2(b)(1)(i) of the Code;~~
- ~~(2) one member in accordance with Article 49C, § 2(b)(1)(ii) of the Code;~~
- ~~(3) one member in accordance with Article 49C, § 2(b)(1)(iii) of the Code;~~
- ~~(4) one member in accordance with Article 49C, § 2(b)(2)(i) of the Code;~~
- ~~(5) one member in accordance with Article 49C, § 2(b)(2)(ii) of the Code;~~

and

- ~~(6) one member in accordance with Article 49C, § 2(b)(2)(iii) of the Code.~~

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, to the extent practicable, in making appointments under this Act, the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House shall ensure geographic diversity among the membership of the Maryland Commission for Women.

SECTION 4. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ June 1, 2005.

May 26, 2005

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 263 – *Domestic Violence – Protective Orders – Definition of Abuse*.

This bill alters the definition of “abuse” applicable to petitions for relief from abuse to include stalking.

House Bill 327, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 263.

Very truly yours,