

the 1977 Act and not to the subsequent Acts. The Commission to Revise the Annotated Code considers the latter interpretation to be the more valid one and believes that the legislature did not intend that this statute, as amended, was meant to go out of effect. Evidence of the intent of the legislature that the program, as it existed on June 30, 1982, continue is found: (1) in the 1980 legislation which had as part of its purpose to "mak[e] the shelter home a permanent project", to establish "a Statewide program, of which one component is a shelter home", and to "provid[e] for an annual report"; (2) in the 1981 legislation which had as part of its purpose to "[repeal] ... obsolete references to a model home" and to "chang[e] the name of the subtitle" (from Battered Spouses - Shelter to Battered Spouse Program); and (3) in the continuing budgetary funding of the Battered Spouse Program. The attention of the General Assembly is called to this situation.

4-513. "BATTERED SPOUSE" DEFINED.

IN THIS PART III OF THIS SUBTITLE, "BATTERED SPOUSE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS RECEIVED DELIBERATE, SEVERE, AND DEMONSTRABLE PHYSICAL INJURY, OR IS IN FEAR OF IMMINENT DELIBERATE, SEVERE, AND DEMONSTRABLE PHYSICAL INJURY FROM A SPOUSE WITH WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL SHARES-A-HOME- RESIDES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 88A, § 102.

The word "resides" is substituted for the former phrase "shares a house" to clarify that, e.g., a battered spouse may live in an apartment.

4-514. LEGISLATIVE POLICY.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) AN INCREASING NUMBER OF BATTERED SPOUSES ARE FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES TO ENSURE THEIR LIFE, SAFETY, AND WELFARE;

(2) BATTERED SPOUSES AND THEIR CHILDREN OFTEN ARE ECONOMICALLY DEPENDENT ON THE ABUSING SPOUSE AND HAVE NO PLACE TO LIVE OUTSIDE THE HOUSEHOLD; AND

(3) IN THE PAST, THESE BATTERED SPOUSES HAVE BEEN IGNORED AND, THEREFORE, THERE IS A LACK OF QUALITY EMERGENCY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HOUSING TO PROVIDE A PLACE TO LIVE FOR THESE BATTERED SPOUSES AND THEIR CHILDREN.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first through fifth sentences of former Article 88A, § 101.