

CHAPTER 247

(House Bill 889)

AN ACT concerning

Domestic Violence - Protective Orders

FOR the purpose of increasing the length of time that a court may continue a temporary ex parte order in certain situations; increasing the length of time that a court may grant a protective order under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the issuance of temporary ex parte and protective orders in cases of domestic violence.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law
Section 4-506
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1984 Volume and 1986 Supplement)

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

Article - Family Law

4-506.

(a) An alleged abuser under § 4-505 of this subtitle shall have an opportunity to be heard on the question of whether the court should issue a protective order.

(b) (1) The temporary ex parte order shall state the date and time of the protective order hearing.

(2) The protective order hearing shall be held no later than 5 days after the temporary ex parte order is served on the alleged abuser.

(c) (1) If the alleged abuser is not served the temporary ex parte order and does not appear for the protective order hearing, the court may continue the temporary ex parte order for not more than [15] -45- 30 days.

(2) In a case of alleged child abuse, the court may continue the temporary ex parte order for not more than [25] -55- 30 days.

(d) If the alleged abuser appears for the protective order hearing or the court otherwise has personal jurisdiction over that household member, the court: