House Bill No. 679

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Protective Orders

FOR the purpose of requiring that a respondent <u>in a proceeding for relief from abuse</u> be served a copy of a protective order in open court or by first class mail; <u>specifying that certain persons be served by first class mail to the person's last known address under certain circumstances;</u> repealing a provision of law that requires a copy of a protective order to be served on a respondent by certain law enforcement personnel; providing that, under certain circumstances, service constitutes actual notice to the respondent of the contents of the protective order; establishing that service is complete upon mailing; modifying a certain provision of law to extend the duration of protective orders; <u>establishing that a subsequent circuit court order pertaining to any of the provisions included in the protective order shall supersede those provisions in the protective order;</u> authorizing the court that issued a protective order to extend the term of the protective order ~~with regard to certain types of relief under certain circumstances~~ *for a certain period of time;* requiring a temporary ex parte order to include a certain notice to the respondent; defining a certain term; and generally relating to protective orders.

BY renumbering
    Article – Family Law
    Section 4–501(j) and (k), respectively
    to be Section 4–501(k) and (l), respectively
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (1991 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to
    Article – Family Law
    Section 4–501(j)
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (1991 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Family Law
    Section ~~4–506(f) and (g)~~ <u>4–506(b), (f), and (g) and 4–507(a)</u>
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (1991 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 4–501(j) and (k), respectively, of the Family Law Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 4–501(k) and (l), respectively.