

~~(2) "Petitioner" includes:~~

~~(i) a person eligible for relief; or~~

~~(ii) the following persons who may seek relief from abuse on behalf of a minor or vulnerable adult:~~

~~1. the State's Attorney for the county where the child or vulnerable adult lives, or, if different, where the abuse is alleged to have taken place;~~

~~2. the department of social services that has jurisdiction in the county where the child or vulnerable adult lives, or, if different, where the abuse is alleged to have taken place;~~

~~3. a person related to the child or vulnerable adult by blood, marriage, or adoption; or~~

~~4. an adult who resides in the home.~~

~~[(j)] (K) "Residence" includes the yard, grounds, outbuildings, and common areas surrounding the residence.~~

~~[(k)] (L) "Respondent" means the person alleged in the petition to have committed the abuse.~~

~~[(4)] (M) "Vulnerable adult" has the meaning provided in § 14-101(q) of this article.~~

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

SUBTITLE 15. PEACE ORDERS.

3-1501.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "COURT" MEANS THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND.

(C) "PETITIONER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO FILES A PETITION UNDER § 3-1503 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) "RESIDENCE" INCLUDES THE YARD, GROUNDS, OUTBUILDINGS, AND COMMON AREAS SURROUNDING THE RESIDENCE.

(E) "RESPONDENT" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL ALLEGED IN A PETITION TO HAVE COMMITTED AN ACT SPECIFIED IN § 3-1503(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE AGAINST A PETITIONER.

3-1502.

(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, BY PROCEEDING UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, A PETITIONER IS NOT LIMITED TO OR PRECLUDED FROM PURSUING ANY OTHER LEGAL REMEDY.