protection in accordance with statutory provisions shall be immune from civil liability if the law enforcement officer acts in good faith and in a reasonable manner. The bill also defines "order for protection" and replaces the term "protective order" in relevant provisions of law with "order for protection."

House Bill 254, 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 481.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

Senate Bill No. 481

AN ACT concerning

Domestic Violence - Out-of-State Orders for Protection - Enforcement

FOR the purpose of specifying procedures for the enforcement of out-of-state orders for protection; prohibiting a District Court commissioner from authorizing the pretrial release of a defendant charged with violating certain provisions of an out-of-state order for protection; defining a certain term; altering a certain definition; providing certain immunity to a law enforcement officer under certain circumstances; making certain clarifying and conforming changes; and generally relating to domestic violence.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 88B - Department of State Police

Section 7A(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 5-610.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Criminal Procedure

Section 5-202(e)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter ____ (S.B. 1) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2001)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 4-508.1