

Procedure Article, also enacted this section, which is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 800.

In subsection (a) of this section, the substitution of the word "unit" for the former reference to "agency", is to conform to other revised articles of the Code.

In subsection (b) of this section, the reference to a victim's "[not needing to] obtain a subpoena to receive a copy of the incident report" is substituted for the former reference to a "victim without a subpoena", for clarity.

Former Art. 27, § 801, which provided that a victim of abuse has the right to seek relief provided by civil protective orders and other remedies provided under §§ 4-501 through 4-507 of the Family Law Article, is deleted as unnecessary in light of this subtitle.

Former Art. 27, § 802, which required that the Department of Human Resources establish and administer a domestic violence program, is deleted as unnecessary in light of this subtitle.

The Criminal Procedure Article Review Committee notes, for consideration by the General Assembly, that the name of this title, "Spouses", is too narrow in light of other topics covered in this title. *See, e.g.*, Subtitle 4, which is entitled "Services to Families with Children".

Defined term: "Victim" § 4-501

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law

4-503.2. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT PILOT PROGRAM FUND.

(A) "FUND" DEFINED.

IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT PILOT PROGRAM FUND.

(B) FUND ESTABLISHED.

THERE IS A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT PILOT PROGRAM FUND.

(C) PURPOSE.

THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANT MONEY TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE OR POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ONE OR MORE COUNTIES FOR THE CREATION OF A SEPARATE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT DEDICATED TO:

(1) THE SERVICE OF EX PARTE ORDERS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) THE DATA ENTRY AND DATA UPDATING OF THOSE ORDERS.

(D) NATURE AND COMPOSITION OF FUND.