

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Family Law

Section 4-503(a)(2)(iii), 4-504, 4-505, 4-506, 4-507, 4-508, and 4-509

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 2-607(d) and 3-1501(b), (c), (d), and (e), respectively, of Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 2-607(c)(5) and 3-1501(c), (f), (g), and (h), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 4-501(e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), and (n), respectively, of Article – Family Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 4-501(f), (g), (i), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (q), and (r), respectively.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

2-607.

(D) (1) THE AUTHORITY UNDER THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A RESPONDENT WHO IS AN ADULT.

(2) A COMMISSIONER MAY ISSUE AN INTERIM ORDER FOR PROTECTION OF A PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 4-504.1 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE OR A PETITIONER IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3-1503.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.

4-401.

Except as provided in § 4-402 of this subtitle, and subject to the venue provisions of Title 6 of this article, the District Court has exclusive original civil jurisdiction in:

(14) A proceeding for a temporary peace order or A FINAL peace order under Title 3, Subtitle 15 of this article;

3-1501.

(B) “COMMISSIONER” MEANS A DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONER APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, § 41G OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.

(D) “FINAL PEACE ORDER” MEANS A PEACE ORDER ISSUED BY A JUDGE UNDER § 3-1505 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(E) “INTERIM PEACE ORDER” MEANS AN ORDER THAT A COMMISSIONER ISSUES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE PENDING A HEARING BY A JUDGE ON A PETITION.

(I) “TEMPORARY PEACE ORDER” MEANS A PEACE ORDER ISSUED BY A JUDGE UNDER § 3-1504 OF THIS SUBTITLE.