

defined in Title 14, Subtitle 1 of this article, has occurred, the court shall forward a copy of the petition and the ex parte order to the local department.

(2) When the local department receives the petition and the ex parte order from the court, the local department shall:

(i) 1. investigate the alleged abuse as provided in Title 5, Subtitle 7 of this article; or

2. investigate the alleged abuse as provided in Title 14, Subtitle 3 of this article; and

(ii) forward a copy of the report of the investigation to the court by the date of the protective order hearing.]

4-504.1.

(A) A PETITION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE FILED WITH A COMMISSIONER WHEN NEITHER THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT NOR THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COURT CLERK IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

(B) IF A PETITION IS FILED WITH A COMMISSIONER AND THE COMMISSIONER FINDS THAT THERE ARE REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT THE RESPONDENT HAS ABUSED A PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF, THE COMMISSIONER MAY ISSUE AN INTERIM PROTECTIVE ORDER TO PROTECT A PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF.

(C) AN INTERIM PROTECTIVE ORDER MAY:

(1) ORDER THE RESPONDENT TO REFRAIN FROM FURTHER ABUSE OR THREATS OF ABUSE OF A PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF;

(2) ORDER THE RESPONDENT TO REFRAIN FROM CONTACTING, ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT, OR HARASSING A PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF;

(3) ORDER THE RESPONDENT TO REFRAIN FROM ENTERING THE RESIDENCE OF A PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF;

(4) IF A PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF AND THE RESPONDENT ARE RESIDING TOGETHER AT THE TIME OF THE ALLEGED ABUSE:

(I) ORDER THE RESPONDENT TO VACATE THE HOME IMMEDIATELY;

(II) AWARD TO A PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF CUSTODY OF ANY CHILD OF THE PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF AND RESPONDENT THEN RESIDING IN THE HOME; AND

(III) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITS AS TO A NONSPOUSE SPECIFIED IN § 4-505(A)(2)(IV) OF THIS SUBTITLE, AWARD TEMPORARY USE AND POSSESSION OF THE HOME TO THE PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF;