

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
 President of the Senate  
 State House  
 Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 43.

This bill alters the penalties for violation of a domestic violence order. It increases the maximum fine to \$1,000 for a first offense and for a second or subsequent offense, the maximum penalty is increased to \$2,500 or imprisonment for one year, or both.

House Bill 339, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 21, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 43.

Sincerely,  
 Parris N. Glendening  
 Governor

### Senate Bill No. 43

AN ACT concerning

~~Domestic Violence - Ex Parte or Protective Orders - Penalties~~  
Family Law - Domestic Violence - Penalties

~~FOR the purpose of altering the maximum term of imprisonment penalties for a person convicted of violating a certain ex parte or protective order, and generally relating to the penalties for violating ex parte or protective orders.~~

FOR the purpose of altering the penalties for failure to comply with the relief granted in an ex parte order or protective order; and generally relating to penalties for failure to comply with certain relief granted in an ex parte order or protective order.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law

Section 4-509

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### Article - Family Law