

HOUSE BILL 224

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Domestic Violence – 2-Year Protective Order**

3 FOR the purpose of specifying that a court may issue a final protective order for a period
4 not to exceed 2 years by consent of the respondent under certain circumstances; and
5 generally relating to domestic violence.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Family Law
8 Section 4–506(j)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Family Law**

14 4–506.

15 (j) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, all relief
16 granted in a final protective order shall be effective for the period stated in the order, not
17 to exceed 1 year.

18 (2) All relief granted in a final protective order shall be effective for the
19 period stated in the order, not to exceed 2 years if:

20 (i) the court issues a final protective order under this section against
21 a respondent on behalf of a person eligible for relief:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **1.** for an act of abuse committed within 1 year after the date
2 that a prior final protective order issued against the same respondent on behalf of the same
3 person eligible for relief expires; **OR**

4 **2.** **BY CONSENT OF THE RESPONDENT WITHIN 1 YEAR**
5 **AFTER THE DATE THAT A PRIOR FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER ISSUED AGAINST THE**
6 **SAME RESPONDENT ON BEHALF OF THE SAME PERSON ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF**
7 **EXPIRES; and**

8 (ii) the prior final protective order was issued for a period of at least
9 6 months.

10 (3) A subsequent circuit court order pertaining to any of the provisions
11 included in the final protective order shall supersede those provisions in the final protective
12 order.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2015.