

HOUSE BILL 122

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Protective Orders – Relief Eligibility – Rape and Sexual Offenses**

3 FOR the purpose of removing rape and certain sexual offenses from the list of offenses
4 alleged to have been committed by a certain respondent against a certain victim for
5 which a peace order request or a peace order petition may be filed under certain
6 circumstances; altering the definition of “person eligible for relief” for purposes of
7 certain provisions of law relating to domestic violence protective orders to include an
8 individual who alleges the commission of certain acts against the individual by a
9 certain respondent; and generally relating to peace orders and protective orders.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
12 Section 3–8A–19.1 and 3–1503(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Family Law
17 Section 4–501(a)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
21 Article – Family Law
22 Section 4–501(m)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

4 3–8A–19.1.

5 (a) In this section and in §§ 3–8A–19.2, 3–8A–19.3, and 3–8A–19.4 of this subtitle,
6 “victim” means an individual against whom an act described in subsection (b) of this section
7 is committed or alleged to have been committed.

8 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, after an inquiry
9 conducted in accordance with § 3–8A–10 of this subtitle, an intake officer may file with the
10 court a peace order request that alleges the commission of any of the following acts against
11 a victim by the respondent, if the act occurred within 30 days before the filing of the
12 complaint under § 3–8A–10 of this subtitle:

13 (i) An act that causes serious bodily harm;

14 (ii) An act that places the victim in fear of imminent serious bodily
15 harm;

16 (iii) Assault in any degree;

17 (iv) [Rape or sexual offense under §§ 3–303 through 3–308 of the
18 Criminal Law Article or attempted rape or sexual offense in any degree;

19 (v)] False imprisonment;

20 [(vi)] (V) Harassment under § 3–803 of the Criminal Law Article;

21 [(vii)] (VI) Stalking under § 3–802 of the Criminal Law Article;

22 [(viii)] (VII) Trespass under Title 6, Subtitle 4 of the Criminal Law
23 Article;

24 [(ix)] (VIII) Malicious destruction of property under § 6–301 of the
25 Criminal Law Article;

26 [(x)] (IX) Misuse of telephone facilities and equipment under
27 § 3–804 of the Criminal Law Article;

28 [(xi)] (X) Misuse of electronic communication or interactive
29 computer service under § 3–805 of the Criminal Law Article;

1 [(xii)] **(XI)** Revenge porn under § 3–809 of the Criminal Law Article;
2 or

3 [(xiii)] **(XII)** Visual surveillance under § 3–901, § 3–902, or § 3–903 of
4 the Criminal Law Article.

5 (2) After a review conducted in accordance with § 3–8A–10(c)(4)(ii) of this
6 subtitle, the State’s Attorney may file with the court a peace order request that meets the
7 requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection.

8 3–1503.

9 (a) (1) A petitioner may seek relief under this subtitle by filing with the court,
10 or with a commissioner under the circumstances specified in § 3–1503.1(a) of this subtitle,
11 a petition that alleges the commission of any of the following acts against the petitioner by
12 the respondent, if the act occurred within 30 days before the filing of the petition:

13 (i) An act that causes serious bodily harm;

14 (ii) An act that places the petitioner in fear of imminent serious
15 bodily harm;

16 (iii) Assault in any degree;

17 (iv) [Rape or sexual offense under §§ 3–303 through 3–308 of the
18 Criminal Law Article or attempted rape or sexual offense in any degree;

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27 § 3–804 of the Criminal Law Article;

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29 computer service under § 3–805 of the Criminal Law Article;

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2019.