

# HOUSE BILL 136

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By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2011

Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Law – Temporary Protective Orders – Electronic Notification of**  
3 **Service**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that the system used for the electronic notification of  
5 service of a temporary protective order be approved and provided by the  
6 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and generally relating  
7 to electronic notification of the service of a temporary protective order.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Family Law  
10 Section 4–505(a)(1)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Family Law  
15 Section 4–505(b)(1)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Family Law**

21 4–505.

22 (a) (1) If, after a hearing on a petition, whether ex parte or otherwise, a  
23 judge finds that there are reasonable grounds to believe that a person eligible for relief

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 has been abused, the judge may enter a temporary protective order to protect any  
2 person eligible for relief from abuse.

3 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a law  
4 enforcement officer shall:

5 (i) immediately serve the temporary protective order on the  
6 alleged abuser under this section; and

7 (ii) within two hours after service of the order on the  
8 respondent, electronically notify the Department of Public Safety and Correctional  
9 Services of the service **USING AN ELECTRONIC SYSTEM APPROVED AND PROVIDED**  
10 **BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2011.