

Chapter 490

(House Bill 293)

AN ACT concerning

Family Law – Divorce – Domestic Violence Order

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision providing that an order or a decision in a domestic violence proceeding is inadmissible as evidence in a divorce proceeding; repealing a provision prohibiting a court from considering compliance with a domestic violence order as grounds for granting a decree of limited or absolute divorce; and generally relating to the admissibility and consideration of domestic violence orders in divorce proceedings.

BY repealing

Article – Family Law

Section 7–103.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

Article – Family Law

[7–103.1.

(a) An order or decision in a proceeding under Title 4, Subtitle 5 of this article is inadmissible as evidence in a proceeding under this title.

(b) In a proceeding under this title, a court may not consider compliance with an order issued under Title 4, Subtitle 5 of this article as grounds for granting a decree of limited or absolute divorce.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.