

Chapter 58

(House Bill 667)

AN ACT concerning

Peace Orders – Extension of Duration

FOR the purpose of ~~extending the maximum duration of a final peace order~~ authorizing a judge to extend the term of a final peace order under certain circumstances after certain notice and a hearing; and generally relating to peace orders.

BY repealing and reenacting, ~~with~~ without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–1505(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Family Law
Section 4–506(j)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–1506(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3–1505.

(f) All relief granted in a final peace order shall be effective for the period stated in the order, not to exceed ~~6 months~~ **1 YEAR**.

~~Article – Family Law~~

~~4–506.~~

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

3-1506.

(a) **(1)** A peace order may be modified or rescinded during the term of the peace order after:

[(1)] (I) Giving notice to the petitioner and the respondent; and

[(2)] (II) A hearing.

(2) FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, A JUDGE MAY EXTEND THE TERM OF THE PEACE ORDER FOR 6 MONTHS BEYOND THE PERIOD SPECIFIED IN § 3-1505(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE, AFTER:

(I) GIVING NOTICE TO THE PETITIONER AND THE RESPONDENT; AND

(II) A HEARING.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2011.