

(b) The petition shall be under oath and shall contain information known to the petitioner of any prior or pending action between the parties in any court.

(c) (1) The cost of filing the petition may be waived or deferred by the court in advance on a showing by affidavit that the petitioner is:

(i) Indigent; or

(ii) That because of the circumstances the petitioner otherwise able to pay, is unable to pay the cost at the time of filing.

(2) Under these circumstances, costs may be subsequently waived or assessed against the petitioner or the abusing household member.

~~(D)--THE--COURT--MAY--ORDER--THE--CONSOLIDATION--OF--ACTIONS--PENDING--BETWEEN--THE--PARTIES--IN--ACCORDANCE--WITH--THE--MARYLAND--RULES--~~

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(a) If a petition is filed under this subtitle and the court determines that the petitioner has demonstrated an abuse of a household member, the court may enter a temporary ex parte order to protect the petitioner or another household member from abuse. The order shall be served immediately by a law enforcement officer on the household member named in the petition, and that household member shall have an opportunity to be heard on the question of continuing the temporary order. Notice of the date of the hearing shall be contained in the order, and this hearing shall be held not later than 5 days after ~~the temporary order is entered.~~ SERVICE OF THE ORDER ON THE HOUSEHOLD MEMBER.

(b) If the court determines by clear and convincing evidence that the alleged abuse has occurred, the court may grant a protective order to stop the abuse of the household member. The relief granted may include the following:

(1) An order to refrain from abusing household members;

(2) [The original order may] AN ORDER TO require the respondent to vacate the family home IMMEDIATELY and grant temporary possession of the family home to the petitioner for up to 5 days. [In no event may the order and any] ANY extensions TO THE ORDER TO VACATE THE FAMILY HOME AND GRANT TEMPORARY POSSESSION OF IT TO THE PETITIONER, GRANTED FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, MAY NOT exceed a total period of ~~-{15 days}-~~ 30-DAYS;

(3) An award of temporary custody of a minor;
and