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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING CIVIL PROTECTION ORDERS FOR VICTIMS OF**
102 **DOMESTIC-RELATED CRIMES.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill clarifies that venue for filing a motion or complaint for a civil protection order is proper in any county where any one of the acts that are subject to the motion or complaint occurred.

The bill authorizes a judge or magistrate to continue the temporary protection order for a period of not more than one year after the date when the permanent protection order hearing takes place. If the temporary

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protection order is continued for one year, the bill requires the petitioner to file a motion at least 14 days before the scheduled hearing notifying the court and the respondent of the petitioner's intent to pursue a permanent protection order on the date of the scheduled hearing.

The bill requires the court to encourage the petitioner to notify the respondent if the petitioner intends not to appear at the permanent protection order hearing, but the court shall neither require the petitioner to attend nor assess attorney fees or costs against the petitioner for choosing not to attend the hearing.

The bill prohibits service upon the respondent and upon the person to be protected if the temporary protection order is denied or if the petitioner moves to vacate the temporary protection order prior to the court receiving confirmation that the respondent was personally served or had actual knowledge of the request for a civil protection order.

If the temporary protection order includes an act of domestic violence, the bill requires the citation to inform the respondent that the respondent must refrain from possessing or purchasing a firearm or ammunition for the duration of the order and must relinquish, for the duration of the order, a firearm or ammunition in the respondent's immediate possession or control or subject to the respondent's immediate possession or control.

The bill requires the court to grant additional continuances at the petitioner's request if the petitioner is unable to serve the respondent and if the petitioner is able to show the petitioner has made reasonable efforts to serve the respondent or that the respondent is evading service.

The bill clarifies that a municipal court shall include in the order a provision awarding temporary care and control of any joint or shared minor children of the parties involved for a period of not more than one year after the date on which the temporary care and control is awarded in the temporary protection order.

If there is no pending or existing domestic relations or juvenile case in district court involving the petitioner and respondent, the bill prohibits the petitioner from being required or instructed to file a complaint for a protection order in district court when the petitioner is otherwise eligible to file for a civil protection order in county court.

The bill requires temporary protection orders and permanent protection orders to be written and communicated in simple and plain language.

The bill requires a judge to order a temporary protection order be made permanent if the judge finds that the respondent engaged in a behavior constituting grounds for the issuance of a civil protection order on the basis of sexual violence and that a risk or threat of physical, psychological, or emotional harm exists to the petitioner.

The bill prohibits the court from awarding any costs or assessing any fees, including attorney fees, against a petitioner seeking a civil

protection order. The bill prohibits a state or public agency from assessing fees for service of process against a petitioner seeking a civil protection order as a victim of domestic abuse, domestic violence, stalking, or sexual violence.

As part of a request for a temporary or permanent protection order in a case involving domestic violence, sexual violence, or stalking, the bill authorizes the court to enter an order directing a wireless telephone service provider to transfer the financial responsibility for and rights to a wireless telephone number to the petitioner if the petitioner:

- Is not the account holder; and
- Proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the petitioner and any minor children in the petitioner's care are the primary users of each wireless telephone number that the petitioner requested be transferred.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-14-100.2, **amend**
3 (2), (3), and (4) as follows:

4 **13-14-100.2. Legislative declaration.** (2) The general assembly
5 further finds and declares that domestic abuse is not limited to physical
6 threats of violence and harm but also includes DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
7 mental and emotional abuse, financial control, document control, property
8 control, and other types of control that make a victim more likely to return
9 to an abuser due to fear of retaliation or inability to meet basic needs.
10 Many victims of domestic abuse, PARTICULARLY VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC
11 VIOLENCE, are unable to access the resources necessary to seek lasting
12 safety options. Victims need additional provisions in protection orders so
13 that they can meet their immediate needs of food, shelter, transportation,
14 medical care, and child care for their appearance at protection order
15 hearings. These needs may exist not only in cases that may end in
16 dissolution of marriage but also in other circumstances, including cases
17 in which reconciliation may occur.

1 (3) Additionally, the general assembly finds and declares that
2 sexual ~~assault~~ VIOLENCE affects Coloradans of all ages, backgrounds, and
3 circumstances and is one of the most underreported of all crimes. Sexual
4 violence may occur in any type of relationship; however, the majority of
5 sexual ~~assault~~ VIOLENCE is perpetrated by someone whom the victim
6 knows. Victims of sexual ~~assault~~ VIOLENCE who do not report the crime,
7 as well as victims who do report but whose case is not prosecuted, still
8 need and deserve protection from future interactions with the perpetrator,
9 as many victims experience long-lasting physical and emotional trauma
10 from unwanted contact with the perpetrator.

11 (4) Finally, the general assembly finds and declares that stalking
12 is a dangerous, high-risk crime that ~~frequently escalates~~ CAN EXIST IN THE
13 CONTEXT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND MAY ESCALATE over time, and that
14 sometimes leads ~~tragically~~, to sexual ~~assault~~ VIOLENCE or homicide.
15 Countless youth and adults in Colorado have faced the fear, isolation, and
16 danger of being victims of stalking, and many of these incidents go
17 unreported and are not prosecuted. While stalking behaviors may appear
18 innocuous to outside observers, the victims often endure intense physical
19 and emotional distress that affects all aspects of their lives and are more
20 likely than others to express anxiety, depression, and social dysfunction.

21 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-14-101, **amend**
22 (2) introductory portion, (2.4)(a) introductory portion, and (2.9); and **add**
23 (1.6) and (2.1) as follows:

24 **13-14-101. Definitions.** For purposes of this article 14, unless the
25 context otherwise requires:

26 (1.6) "COERCION" MEANS COMPELLING A PERSON BY FORCE,
27 THREAT OF FORCE, OR INTIMIDATION TO ENGAGE IN CONDUCT FROM WHICH

1 THE PERSON HAS THE RIGHT OR PRIVILEGE TO ABSTAIN, OR TO ABSTAIN
2 FROM CONDUCT IN WHICH THE PERSON HAS THE RIGHT OR PRIVILEGE TO
3 ENGAGE.

4 (2) "Domestic abuse" means ~~any~~ AN act, attempted act, or
5 threatened act of violence, stalking, harassment, or coercion that is
6 committed by ~~any~~ A person against another person to whom the actor is
7 currently or was formerly related or with whom the actor is living or has
8 lived in the same domicile. ~~or with whom the actor is involved or has~~
9 ~~been involved in an intimate relationship. A sexual relationship may be~~
10 ~~an indicator of an intimate relationship but is never a necessary condition~~
11 ~~for finding an intimate relationship. For purposes of this subsection (2),~~
12 ~~"coercion" includes compelling a person by force, threat of force, or~~
13 ~~intimidation to engage in conduct from which the person has the right or~~
14 ~~privilege to abstain, or to abstain from conduct in which the person has~~
15 ~~a right or privilege to engage. "Domestic abuse" may also include any~~ AN
16 act, attempted act, or threatened act of violence against:

17 (2.1) "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE", COMMONLY KNOWN AS "INTIMATE
18 PARTNER VIOLENCE", MEANS A PATTERN OF VIOLENT BEHAVIOR OR AN
19 ACT, ATTEMPTED ACT, OR REDACTED THREAT OF VIOLENCE, STALKING,
20 HARASSMENT, OR COERCION THAT IS COMMITTED BY A PERSON AGAINST
21 ANOTHER PERSON WITH WHOM THE ACTOR IS INVOLVED OR HAS BEEN
22 INVOLVED IN AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP. A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP MAY
23 BE AN INDICATOR OF AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP BUT IS NEVER A
24 NECESSARY CONDITION FOR FINDING AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP.

25 (2.4) (a) "Protection order" means ~~any~~ AN order that prohibits the
26 restrained person from contacting, harassing, injuring, intimidating,
27 molesting, threatening, touching, stalking, or COMMITTING SEXUAL

1 VIOLENCE THROUGH sexually assaulting or abusing ~~any~~ A protected person
2 or from entering or remaining on premises, or from coming within a
3 specified distance of a protected person or premises, or from taking,
4 transferring, concealing, harming, disposing of or threatening harm to an
5 animal owned, possessed, leased, kept, or held by a protected person, or
6 any other provision to protect the protected person from ~~imminent danger~~
7 ~~to life or health~~ THE RISK OR THREAT OF PHYSICAL HARM OR THE THREAT
8 OF PSYCHOLOGICAL OR EMOTIONAL HARM that is issued by a court of this
9 state or a municipal court and that is issued pursuant to:

10 (2.9) "Sexual ~~assault or abuse~~ VIOLENCE" means ~~any~~ AN
11 UNWANTED OR NONCONSENSUAL SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, ~~act~~ OR attempted act,
12 or threatened act, ~~of~~ INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, unlawful sexual
13 behavior, as described in section 16-11.7-102 (3), ~~C.R.S.~~, by ~~any~~ A person
14 against another person, regardless of the relationship between the actor
15 and the petitioner.

16 SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-14-103, **amend**
17 (1)(e) and (2)(a) as follows:

18 **13-14-103. Emergency protection orders.** (1) (e) When the
19 county, district, and juvenile courts are unavailable from the close of
20 business at the end of the day or week to the resumption of business at the
21 beginning of the day or week and a peace officer asserts reasonable
22 grounds to believe that an adult is in immediate and present danger of
23 domestic abuse, assault, stalking, sexual ~~assault or abuse~~ VIOLENCE, or
24 that a minor child is in immediate and present danger of an unlawful
25 sexual offense, as defined in section 18-3-411 (1), ~~C.R.S.~~, or of domestic
26 abuse, as defined in section 13-14-101 (2), a judge made available
27 pursuant to ~~paragraph (d) of this subsection (1)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(d) OF

1 THIS SECTION may issue a written or verbal ex parte emergency protection
2 order. Any written emergency protection order issued pursuant to this
3 subsection (1) ~~shall~~ MUST be on a standardized form prescribed by the
4 judicial department, and a copy shall be provided to the protected person.

5 (2) (a) A verbal emergency protection order may be issued
6 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section only if the issuing judge finds
7 that ~~an imminent danger~~ THE RISK OR THREAT OF PHYSICAL HARM OR THE
8 THREAT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL OR EMOTIONAL HARM EXISTS in close
9 proximity ~~exists to the life or health of~~ one or more persons or that a
10 ~~danger~~ THE RISK OR THREAT OF PHYSICAL HARM OR THE THREAT OF
11 PSYCHOLOGICAL OR EMOTIONAL HARM exists to the life or health of the
12 minor child in the reasonably foreseeable future.

13 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-14-104.5, **amend**
14 (1)(a) introductory portion, (1)(a)(IV), (3), (7), (8), (9), and (10) as
15 follows:

16 **13-14-104.5. Procedure for temporary civil protection order.**

17 (1) (a) Any municipal court of record, if authorized by the municipal
18 governing body; any county court; and any district, probate, or juvenile
19 court ~~shall have~~ HAS original concurrent jurisdiction to issue a temporary
20 or permanent civil protection order against an adult or against a juvenile
21 who is ten years of age or older for any of the following purposes:

22 (IV) To prevent sexual ~~assault or abuse~~ VIOLENCE; and

23 (3) Venue for filing a motion or complaint pursuant to this section
24 is proper in any county where ANY ONE OF the acts OR BEHAVIORS that are
25 the subject of the motion or complaint ~~occur~~ OCCURRED, in any county
26 where one of the parties resides, or in any county where one of the parties
27 is employed. This requirement for venue does not prohibit the change of

1 venue to any other county appropriate under applicable law.

2 (7) (a) A temporary civil protection order may be issued if the
3 issuing judge or magistrate finds that ~~an imminent danger~~ A RISK OR
4 THREAT OF PHYSICAL HARM OR THE THREAT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL OR
5 EMOTIONAL HARM exists to the person or persons seeking protection
6 under the civil protection order. In determining whether ~~an imminent~~
7 ~~danger~~ A RISK OR THREAT OF PHYSICAL HARM OR THE THREAT OF
8 PSYCHOLOGICAL OR EMOTIONAL HARM exists to ~~the life or health of one~~
9 or more persons, the court shall consider all relevant evidence concerning
10 the safety and protection of the persons seeking the protection order, ~~The~~
11 ~~court shall not deny a petitioner the relief requested because of the length~~
12 ~~of time between an act of abuse or threat of harm and the filing of the~~
13 ~~petition for a protection order. The court shall not deny a petitioner the~~
14 ~~relief requested because~~ REGARDLESS OF WHEN AN INCIDENT OCCURRED
15 OR THE EXISTENCE OF a protection order ~~has been~~ issued pursuant to
16 section 18-1-1001 or 18-1-1001.5.

17 (b) If the judge or magistrate finds that ~~an imminent danger~~ A RISK
18 OR THREAT OF PHYSICAL HARM OR THE THREAT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL OR
19 EMOTIONAL HARM exists to the employees of a business entity, ~~he or she~~
20 THE JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE may issue a civil protection order in the name
21 of the business for the protection of the employees. An employer is not
22 ~~be~~ liable for failing to obtain a civil protection order in the name of the
23 business for the protection of the employees and patrons.

24 (8) (a) Upon the filing of a complaint, duly verified, alleging that
25 the respondent has committed acts that would constitute grounds for a
26 civil protection order, any judge or magistrate, after hearing the evidence
27 and being fully satisfied ~~therein~~ that sufficient cause exists, may issue a

1 temporary civil protection order to prevent the actions complained of and
2 a citation directed to the respondent commanding the respondent to
3 appear before the court at a specific time and date and to show cause, if
4 any, why ~~said~~ THE temporary civil protection order should not be made
5 permanent. In addition, the court may order any other relief that the court
6 deems appropriate. Complaints may be filed by persons seeking
7 protection for themselves or for others as provided in section 26-3.1-102
8 (1)(b) and (1)(c). ~~C.R.S.~~

9 (b) THE JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE MAY CONTINUE THE TEMPORARY
10 PROTECTION ORDER FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR AFTER
11 THE DATE WHEN THE PERMANENT PROTECTION ORDER HEARING TAKES
12 PLACE. IF THE TEMPORARY PROTECTION ORDER IS CONTINUED FOR ONE
13 YEAR AND THE PETITIONER SEEKS A PERMANENT PROTECTION ORDER, THE
14 PETITIONER SHALL FILE A MOTION AT LEAST FOURTEEN DAYS BEFORE THE
15 SCHEDULED HEARING NOTIFYING THE COURT AND THE RESPONDENT OF THE
16 PETITIONER'S INTENT TO PURSUE A PERMANENT PROTECTION ORDER ON
17 THE DATE OF THE SCHEDULED HEARING.

18 (9) UPON THE ISSUANCE OF A TEMPORARY CIVIL PROTECTION
19 ORDER, a copy of the complaint, a copy of the temporary civil protection
20 order, and a copy of the citation must be served upon the respondent and
21 upon the person to be protected, if the complaint was filed by another
22 person, in accordance with the rules for service of process as provided in
23 rule 304 of the rules of county court civil procedure or rule 4 of the
24 Colorado rules of civil procedure. SERVICE UPON THE RESPONDENT AND
25 UPON THE PERSON TO BE PROTECTED IS PROHIBITED IF THE TEMPORARY
26 PROTECTION ORDER IS DENIED OR IF THE PETITIONER MOVES TO VACATE
27 THE TEMPORARY PROTECTION ORDER PRIOR TO THE COURT RECEIVING

1 CONFIRMATION THAT THE RESPONDENT WAS PERSONALLY SERVED OR HAD
2 ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE REQUEST FOR A CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER.
3 The citation must inform the respondent that, if the respondent fails to
4 appear in court in accordance with the terms of the citation, a bench
5 warrant may be issued for the arrest of the respondent and the temporary
6 protection order previously entered by the court made permanent without
7 further notice or service upon the respondent. IF THE TEMPORARY
8 PROTECTION ORDER IS BASED IN WHOLE OR IN PART ON AN ACT OF
9 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-6-800.3, AND THE ACT OF
10 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INVOLVED THE THREAT OF USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE,
11 USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE, OR ATTEMPTED USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE, THE
12 CITATION MUST ALSO INFORM THE RESPONDENT THAT THE RESPONDENT
13 MUST COMPLY WITH SECTION 13-14-105.5 BY REFRAINING FROM
14 POSSESSING OR PURCHASING ANY FIREARM OR AMMUNITION FOR THE
15 DURATION OF THE ORDER AND RELINQUISHING FOR THE DURATION OF THE
16 ORDER ANY FIREARM OR AMMUNITION IN THE RESPONDENT'S IMMEDIATE
17 POSSESSION OR CONTROL OR SUBJECT TO THE RESPONDENT'S IMMEDIATE
18 POSSESSION OR CONTROL.

19 (10) The ~~return date of the citation~~ HEARING FOR A PERMANENT
20 PROTECTION ORDER must be set not more than fourteen days after the
21 issuance of the temporary civil protection order and citation. If the
22 petitioner is unable to serve the respondent in that period, the court ~~shall~~
23 MUST extend the temporary protection order previously issued, continue
24 the ~~show of cause~~ PERMANENT PROTECTION ORDER hearing, and issue an
25 alias citation stating the date and time to which the hearing is continued.
26 The petitioner may thereafter request, and the court ~~may~~ MUST grant,
27 additional continuances as needed if the petitioner has still been unable

1 to serve the respondent IF THE PETITIONER IS ABLE TO SHOW THE
2 PETITIONER HAS MADE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO SERVE THE RESPONDENT
3 OR THAT THE RESPONDENT IS EVADING SERVICE.

4 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-14-105, **add** (1.5),
5 (3), and (4); and **repeal** (1)(e) as follows:

6 **13-14-105. Provisions relating to civil protection orders.** (1) A
7 municipal court of record that is authorized by its municipal governing
8 body to issue protection or restraining orders and any county court, in
9 connection with issuing a civil protection order, has original concurrent
10 jurisdiction with the district court to include any provisions in the order
11 that the municipal or county court deems necessary for the protection of
12 persons, including but not limited to orders:

13 ~~(e) (F) Awarding temporary care and control of any minor children~~
14 ~~of either party involved for a period of not more than one year.~~

15 ~~(H) If temporary care and control is awarded, the order may~~
16 ~~include parenting time rights for the other party involved and any~~
17 ~~conditions of such parenting time, including the supervision of parenting~~
18 ~~time by a third party who agrees to the terms of the supervised parenting~~
19 ~~time and any costs associated with supervised parenting time, if~~
20 ~~necessary. If the restrained party is unable to pay the ordered costs, the~~
21 ~~court shall not place such responsibility with publicly funded agencies. If~~
22 ~~the court finds that the safety of any child or the protected party cannot be~~
23 ~~ensured with any form of parenting time reasonably available, the court~~
24 ~~may deny parenting time.~~

25 ~~(HH) The court may award interim decision-making responsibility~~
26 ~~of a child to a person entitled to bring an action for the allocation of~~
27 ~~parental responsibilities under section 14-10-123, C.R.S., when such~~

1 ~~award is reasonably related to preventing domestic abuse as defined in~~
2 ~~section 13-14-101 (2), or preventing the child from witnessing domestic~~
3 ~~abuse.~~

4 ~~(IV) Temporary care and control or interim decision-making~~
5 ~~responsibility must be determined in accordance with the standard~~
6 ~~contained in section 14-10-124, C.R.S.~~

7 (1.5) (a) A MUNICIPAL COURT OF RECORD THAT IS AUTHORIZED BY
8 ITS MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY TO ISSUE CIVIL PROTECTION OR
9 RESTRAINING ORDERS AND ANY COUNTY COURT, IN CONNECTION WITH
10 ISSUING A CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER, HAS ORIGINAL CONCURRENT
11 JURISDICTION WITH THE DISTRICT COURT AND SHALL INCLUDE IN THE
12 ORDER, AT THE REQUEST OF THE PETITIONER OR RESPONDENT, A PROVISION
13 AWARDING TEMPORARY CARE AND CONTROL OF ANY JOINT OR SHARED
14 MINOR CHILDREN OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE
15 THAN ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH THE TEMPORARY CARE AND
16 CONTROL IS AWARDED IN THE TEMPORARY PROTECTION ORDER; EXCEPT
17 THAT, THIS SUBSECTION (1.5)(a) DOES NOT APPLY WHEN THE DISTRICT
18 COURT MAINTAINS EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION IN PROCEEDINGS TO
19 DETERMINE THE LEGAL CUSTODY OF A CHILD WHO COMES WITHIN THE
20 JUVENILE COURT'S JURISDICTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 19-1-104.

21 (b) THE ORDER FOR TEMPORARY CARE AND CONTROL DESCRIBED
22 IN SUBSECTION (1.5)(a) OF THIS SECTION MAY INCLUDE PARENTING TIME
23 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BOTH PARTIES INVOLVED AND ANY CONDITIONS OF
24 PARENTING TIME, INCLUDING SUPERVISED PARENTING TIME BY A THIRD
25 PARTY WHO AGREES TO THE TERMS OF THE SUPERVISED PARENTING TIME,
26 AND ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUPERVISED PARENTING TIME, IF
27 NECESSARY. IF THE RESTRAINED PARTY IS UNABLE TO PAY THE ORDERED

1 COSTS, THE COURT SHALL NOT IMPOSE THE COST ON A PUBLICLY FUNDED
2 AGENCY OR THE PETITIONER. IF THE COURT FINDS THAT THE SAFETY OF
3 ANY CHILD OR THE PROTECTED PARTY CANNOT BE ENSURED WITH ANY
4 FORM OF PARENTING TIME REASONABLY AVAILABLE, THE COURT MAY
5 DENY PARENTING TIME.

6 (c) THE COURT SHALL AWARD INTERIM DECISION-MAKING
7 RESPONSIBILITY OF A CHILD TO A PERSON ENTITLED TO BRING AN ACTION
8 FOR THE ALLOCATION OF PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES PURSUANT TO
9 SECTION 14-10-123 WHEN INTERIM DECISION-MAKING RESPONSIBILITY IS
10 REASONABLY RELATED TO PREVENTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR
11 PREVENTING THE CHILD FROM WITNESSING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

12 (d) TEMPORARY CARE AND CONTROL AND INTERIM
13 DECISION-MAKING RESPONSIBILITY MUST BE DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE
14 WITH THE STANDARD CONTAINED IN SECTION 14-10-124.

15 (3) IF THERE IS NO PENDING OR EXISTING DOMESTIC RELATIONS OR
16 JUVENILE CASE IN DISTRICT COURT INVOLVING JOINT OR SHARED
17 CHILDREN, THE PETITIONER IS NOT REQUIRED AND MUST NOT BE
18 INSTRUCTED TO FILE A COMPLAINT FOR A PROTECTION ORDER IN DISTRICT
19 COURT WHEN THE PETITIONER IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE TO FILE FOR A CIVIL
20 PROTECTION ORDER IN COUNTY COURT.

21 (4) A TEMPORARY PROTECTION ORDER OR PERMANENT
22 PROTECTION ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 14 MUST BE
23 WRITTEN AND COMMUNICATED IN SIMPLE AND PLAIN LANGUAGE.

24 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-14-105.5, **amend**
25 (1) introductory portion as follows:

26 **13-14-105.5. Civil protection orders - prohibition on**
27 **possessing or purchasing a firearm. (1) Order requirements.** If the

1 court subjects a respondent to a TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT civil
2 protection order and the court determines on the record after reviewing
3 the petition for the protection order that the protection order includes an
4 act of domestic violence, as defined in section 18-6-800.3 (1), and the act
5 of domestic violence involved the threat of use, use of, or attempted use
6 of physical force, the court, as part of such order:

7 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-14-106, **amend**
8 (1)(a) as follows:

9 **13-14-106. Procedure for permanent civil protection orders.**

10 (1) (a) On the ~~return~~ date of the ~~citation~~ PERMANENT PROTECTION ORDER
11 HEARING, or on the day to which the hearing has been continued, the
12 judge or magistrate shall examine the record and the evidence. IN ALL
13 CASES EXCEPT THOSE INVOLVING SEXUAL VIOLENCE, if upon ~~such~~ THE
14 examination the judge or magistrate finds by a preponderance of the
15 evidence that the respondent has committed acts constituting grounds for
16 THE issuance of a civil protection order and that unless restrained THE
17 RESPONDENT will continue to commit ~~such~~ THE acts or acts designed to
18 intimidate or retaliate against the protected person, the judge or
19 magistrate shall order the temporary civil protection order to be made
20 permanent or enter a permanent civil protection order with provisions
21 different from the temporary civil protection order. ~~A finding of imminent~~
22 ~~danger to the protected person is not a necessary prerequisite to the~~
23 ~~issuance of a permanent civil protection order.~~ IF UPON THE EXAMINATION
24 THE JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE FINDS BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE
25 THAT THE RESPONDENT HAS ENGAGED IN A BEHAVIOR CONSTITUTING
26 GROUNDS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER ON THE BASIS
27 OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND THAT A RISK OR THREAT OF PHYSICAL HARM OR

1 THE THREAT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL OR EMOTIONAL HARM EXISTS TO THE
2 PETITIONER, THE JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE SHALL ORDER THE TEMPORARY
3 CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER TO BE MADE PERMANENT OR ENTER A
4 PERMANENT CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER WITH PROVISIONS DIFFERENT FROM
5 THE TEMPORARY CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER. The court shall not deny a
6 petitioner the relief requested because a protection order has been issued
7 pursuant to section 18-1-1001 or 18-1-1001.5. THE COURT SHALL
8 ENCOURAGE THE PETITIONER TO NOTIFY THE RESPONDENT IF THE
9 PETITIONER INTENDS NOT TO APPEAR AT THE PERMANENT PROTECTION
10 ORDER HEARING, BUT THE COURT SHALL NEITHER REQUIRE THE
11 PETITIONER TO ATTEND NOR ASSESS ATTORNEY FEES OR COSTS AGAINST
12 THE PETITIONER FOR CHOOSING NOT TO ATTEND THE HEARING, EXCEPT AS
13 PROVIDED IN SECTION 13-17-102 (2), (4), AND (6). The judge or magistrate
14 shall inform the respondent that a violation of the civil PERMANENT
15 protection order constitutes a criminal offense pursuant to section
16 18-6-803.5 or constitutes contempt of court and subjects the respondent
17 to such punishment as may be provided by law. If the respondent fails to
18 appear before the court for the ~~show-cause~~ PERMANENT PROTECTION
19 ORDER hearing at the time and on the date identified in the citation issued
20 by the court and the court finds that the respondent was properly served
21 with the temporary protection order and ~~such~~ THE citation, it is not
22 necessary to re-serve the respondent ~~to make the~~ AND THE COURT MUST
23 ISSUE A PERMANENT protection order ~~permanent~~ BY DEFAULT WITHOUT
24 REQUIRING ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OR TESTIMONY. However, if the court
25 modifies the protection order on the motion of the protected party, the
26 modified protection order must be served upon the respondent AND, IF
27 THE TEMPORARY PROTECTION ORDER INCLUDES AN ACT OF DOMESTIC

1 VIOLENCE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-6-800.3, AND THE ACT OF DOMESTIC
2 VIOLENCE INVOLVED THE THREAT OF USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE, USE OF
3 PHYSICAL FORCE, OR ATTEMPTED USE OF PHYSICAL FORCE, THE
4 TEMPORARY PROTECTION ORDER MUST ALSO INFORM THE RESPONDENT
5 THAT THE RESPONDENT MUST COMPLY WITH SECTION 13-14-105.5 BY
6 REFRAINING FROM POSSESSING OR PURCHASING A FIREARM OR
7 AMMUNITION FOR THE DURATION OF THE ORDER AND RELINQUISHING FOR
8 THE DURATION OF THE ORDER A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION IN THE
9 RESPONDENT'S IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OR CONTROL OR SUBJECT TO THE
10 RESPONDENT'S IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OR CONTROL.

11 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-14-108, **amend**
12 (1), (2)(b), and (5) as follows:

13 **13-14-108. Modification and termination of civil protection**
14 **orders.** (1) Any order granted pursuant to ~~section 13-14-105 (1)(c) or~~
15 ~~(1)(c) must terminate~~ SECTION 13-14-105 (1)(c) OR (1.5) TERMINATES
16 whenever a subsequent order regarding the same subject matter is granted
17 pursuant to the "Uniform Dissolution of Marriage Act", article 10 of title
18 14; ~~C.R.S.~~; the "Uniform Child-custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement
19 Act", article 13 of title 14; ~~C.R.S.~~; or the "Colorado Children's Code",
20 title 19. ~~C.R.S.~~

21 (2) (b) The restrained party may apply to the court for
22 modification, including, but not limited to, a modification of the duration
23 of the protection order or dismissal of a permanent protection order
24 pursuant to this section. However, if a permanent protection order has
25 been issued or if a motion for modification or dismissal of a permanent
26 protection order has been filed by the restrained party, whether or not it
27 THE MOTION was granted, ~~no~~ A motion to modify or dismiss may NOT be

1 filed by the restrained party within two years after issuance of the
2 permanent order or AFTER disposition of the prior motion.

3 (5) The court shall hear any motion filed pursuant to subsection
4 (2) of this section, EXCEPT FOR A MOTION THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH
5 SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION. The party moving for a modification
6 or dismissal of a temporary or permanent protection order pursuant to
7 subsection (2) of this section shall affect personal service on the other
8 party with a copy of the motion and notice of the hearing on the motion,
9 as provided by rule 4 (e) of the Colorado rules of civil procedure. The
10 moving party ~~shall bear~~ BEARS the burden of proof to show, by a
11 preponderance of the evidence, that the modification is appropriate or that
12 a dismissal is appropriate because the protection order is no longer
13 necessary. If the protected party has requested that ~~his or her~~ THE
14 PROTECTED PARTY'S address be kept confidential, the court shall not
15 disclose such information to the restrained party or any other person,
16 except as otherwise authorized by law.

17 **SECTION 9.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-14-109, **amend**
18 (1) and (2) as follows:

19 **13-14-109. Fees and costs.** (1) (a) The court may assess a filing
20 fee against a petitioner seeking relief ~~under~~ PURSUANT TO this ~~article~~
21 ARTICLE 14; except that the court may not assess a filing fee against a
22 petitioner if the court determines the petitioner is seeking the protection
23 order as a victim of ~~domestic abuse, domestic violence as defined in~~
24 ~~section 18-6-800.3 (1), C.R.S., DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, stalking, or sexual~~
25 ~~assault or abuse~~ VIOLENCE. The court shall provide the necessary number
26 of certified copies at no cost to petitioners.

27 (b) THE COURT SHALL NEITHER AWARD ANY COSTS NOR ASSESS

1 ANY FEES, INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES, AGAINST A PETITIONER SEEKING
2 RELIEF PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 14, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
3 SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION AND SECTION 13-17-102 (2), (4), AND
4 (6).

5 (2) A state or public agency ~~may~~ SHALL not assess fees for service
6 of process against a petitioner seeking relief ~~under~~ PURSUANT TO this
7 ~~article~~ ARTICLE 14 as a victim of ~~conduct consistent with the following:~~
8 ~~domestic abuse~~, domestic violence as defined in section 18-6-800.3 (1),
9 ~~C.R.S.~~, stalking, or sexual ~~assault or abuse~~ VIOLENCE.

10 **SECTION 10.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 13-14-111 as
11 follows:

12 **13-14-111. Transfer of wireless telephone service in domestic**
13 **abuse cases - definitions.** (1) IN ADDITION TO THE OPTIONS DESCRIBED
14 IN SECTION 13-14-103 (1)(b), AS PART OF A REQUEST FOR A TEMPORARY
15 OR PERMANENT PROTECTION ORDER IN A CASE INVOLVING DOMESTIC
16 VIOLENCE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, OR STALKING, THE COURT MAY ENTER AN
17 ORDER DIRECTING A WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER TO
18 TRANSFER THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RIGHTS TO A WIRELESS
19 TELEPHONE NUMBER OR NUMBERS TO THE PETITIONER IF THE PETITIONER:

- 20 (a) IS NOT THE ACCOUNT HOLDER; AND
- 21 (b) PROVES BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT THE
22 PETITIONER AND ANY MINOR CHILDREN IN THE PETITIONER'S CARE ARE THE
23 PRIMARY USERS OF EACH WIRELESS TELEPHONE NUMBER THAT THE
24 PETITIONER REQUESTED BE TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

25 (2) (a) AN ORDER TRANSFERRING THE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
26 FOR AND RIGHTS TO A WIRELESS TELEPHONE NUMBER OR NUMBERS TO A
27 PETITIONER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE A SEPARATE WRITTEN

1 ORDER THAT IS DIRECTED TO THE WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE
2 PROVIDER.

3 (b) THE ORDER MUST LIST THE NAME AND BILLING TELEPHONE
4 NUMBER OF THE ACCOUNT HOLDER, THE NAME AND CONTACT
5 INFORMATION OF THE PETITIONER TO WHOM THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OR
6 NUMBERS WILL BE TRANSFERRED, AND EACH TELEPHONE NUMBER TO BE
7 TRANSFERRED TO THE PETITIONER.

8 (c) THE COURT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE PETITIONER'S CONTACT
9 INFORMATION IS NOT PROVIDED TO THE ACCOUNT HOLDER IN
10 PROCEEDINGS HELD PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 14.

11 (d) THE ORDER MUST BE SENT OR DELIVERED IN PERSON OR
12 ELECTRONICALLY BY THE PETITIONER TO THE WIRELESS TELEPHONE
13 SERVICE PROVIDER'S REGISTERED AGENT.

14 (e) A WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER MUST TERMINATE
15 THE ACCOUNT HOLDER'S USE OF A TELEPHONE NUMBER THAT THE COURT
16 HAS ORDERED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE PETITIONER PURSUANT TO THIS
17 SECTION UNLESS THE WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER NOTIFIES
18 THE PETITIONER AND THE COURT WITHIN FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE
19 WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER RECEIVES THE ORDER EITHER
20 THAT AN ACCOUNT HOLDER NAMED IN THE ORDER HAS TERMINATED THE
21 ACCOUNT OR THAT THE REQUESTED TRANSFER CANNOT BE EFFECTUATED
22 DUE TO DIFFERENCES IN NETWORK TECHNOLOGY THAT PREVENT
23 FUNCTIONALITY OF A DEVICE ON THE NETWORK OR DUE TO GEOGRAPHIC
24 LIMITATIONS ON NETWORK OR SERVICE AVAILABILITY.

25 (3) A TRANSFER ORDERED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION DOES NOT
26 PRECLUDE A WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER FROM APPLYING
27 ANY ROUTINE AND CUSTOMARY REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCOUNT

1 ESTABLISHMENT TO THE PETITIONER AS PART OF THE TRANSFER OF
2 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR A WIRELESS TELEPHONE NUMBER OR
3 NUMBERS AND ANY DEVICES ATTACHED TO THE NUMBER OR NUMBERS,
4 INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, IDENTIFICATION, FINANCIAL
5 INFORMATION, AND CUSTOMER PREFERENCES.

6 (4) A WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER IS IMMUNE FROM
7 CIVIL LIABILITY FOR COMPLYING WITH AN ORDER TO TRANSFER A
8 TELEPHONE NUMBER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

9 (5) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

10 (a) "ACCOUNT HOLDER" MEANS A RESPONDENT WHO HAS A CIVIL
11 PROTECTION ORDER ISSUED AGAINST THEM, THE UNDERLYING BASIS OF
12 WHICH INCLUDES AN ACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, OR
13 STALKING AND MAINTAINS AN ACCOUNT WITH A WIRELESS TELEPHONE
14 SERVICE PROVIDER.

15 (b) "FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY" MEANS AN OBLIGATION TO PAY
16 SERVICE FEES AND OTHER COSTS AND CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH A
17 TELEPHONE NUMBER.

18 (c) "WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER" MEANS A PERSON
19 OR ENTITY THAT PROVIDES OR RESELLS COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICE, AS
20 DEFINED IN SECTION 47 U.S.C. SEC. 332 (d)(1).

21 **SECTION 11. Effective date.** This act takes effect January 1,
22 2025.

23 **SECTION 12. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
24 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
25 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
26 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
27 institutions.