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AN ACT

RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; ENACTING THE UNIFORM INTERSTATE
ENFORCEMENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION ORDERS ACT;
PERMITTING REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION
ORDERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. [NEW MATERIAL] SHORT TITLE.--Sections 1
through 10 of this act may be cited as the "Uniform Interstate
Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act".

Section 2. [NEW MATERIAL] DEFINITIONS.--As used in the
Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection
Orders Act:

A. "foreign protection order" means a protection
order issued by a tribunal of another state;

B. "issuing state" means the state whose tribunal

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1 issues a protection order;

2 C. "mutual foreign protection order" means a
3 foreign protection order that includes provisions in favor of
4 both the protected individual seeking enforcement of the order
5 and the respondent;

6 D. "protected individual" means a person protected
7 by a protection order;

8 E. "protection order" means an injunction or other
9 order, issued by a tribunal under the domestic violence, family
10 violence or antistalking laws of the issuing state, to prevent
11 a person from engaging in a violent or threatening act against,
12 harassment of, contact or communication with or physical
13 proximity to another person;

14 F. "respondent" means the person against whom
15 enforcement of a protection order is sought;

16 G. "state" means a state of the United States, the
17 district of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin
18 Islands or any territory or insular possession subject to the
19 jurisdiction of the United States. "State" includes an Indian
20 pueblo, tribe, nation or band that has jurisdiction to issue
21 protection orders; and

22 H. "tribunal" means a court, agency or other entity
23 authorized by law to issue or modify a protection order.

24 Section 3. [NEW MATERIAL] JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT OF A
25 FOREIGN PROTECTION ORDER.--

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1 A. A person may seek enforcement of a valid foreign
2 protection order in a New Mexico tribunal. The tribunal shall
3 enforce the terms of the order, including terms that provide
4 relief that a New Mexico tribunal would lack power to provide
5 but for this section. The tribunal shall enforce the order,
6 whether the order was obtained by independent action or in
7 another proceeding, if it is an order issued in response to a
8 complaint, petition or motion filed by or on behalf of a person
9 seeking protection. In a proceeding to enforce a foreign
10 protection order, the tribunal shall follow New Mexico
11 procedures for the enforcement of protection orders.

12 B. A New Mexico tribunal may not enforce a foreign
13 protection order issued by a tribunal of a state that does not
14 recognize the standing of a protected individual to seek
15 enforcement of the order.

16 C. A New Mexico tribunal shall enforce the
17 provisions of a valid foreign protection order governing
18 custody and visitation, if the order was issued in accordance
19 with the jurisdictional requirements governing the issuance of
20 custody and visitation orders in the issuing state.

21 D. A foreign protection order is valid if it:
22 (1) identifies the protected individual and
23 the respondent;
24 (2) is currently in effect;
25 (3) was issued by a tribunal that had

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1 jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter under the law
2 of the issuing state; and

3 (4) was issued after the respondent was given
4 reasonable notice and had an opportunity to be heard before the
5 tribunal issued the order or, in the case of an ex parte order,
6 the respondent was given notice and has had or will have an
7 opportunity to be heard within a reasonable time after the
8 order was issued in a manner consistent with the due process
9 rights of the respondent.

10 E. A foreign protection order valid on its face is
11 prima facie evidence of its validity.

12 F. Absence of any of the criteria for validity of a
13 foreign protection order is an affirmative defense in an action
14 seeking enforcement of the order.

15 G. A New Mexico tribunal may enforce provisions of
16 a mutual foreign protection order only if:

17 (1) both parties filed a written pleading
18 seeking a protection order from the tribunal of the issuing
19 state; and

20 (2) the tribunal of the issuing state made
21 specific findings that each party was entitled to a protection
22 order.

23 Section 4. [NEW MATERIAL] NONJUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT OF
24 FOREIGN PROTECTION ORDER.--

25 A. A New Mexico law enforcement officer, upon

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1 determining that there is probable cause to believe that a
2 valid foreign protection order exists and that the order has
3 been violated, shall enforce the order as if it were the order
4 of a New Mexico tribunal. Presentation of a foreign protection
5 order that identifies both the protected individual and the
6 respondent and that, on its face, is currently in effect
7 constitutes probable cause to believe that a valid foreign
8 protection order exists. For the purposes of this section, a
9 protection order may be inscribed on a tangible medium or may
10 have been stored in an electronic or other medium if it is
11 retrievable in perceivable form. Presentation of a certified
12 copy of a protection order is not required for enforcement.

13 B. If a foreign protection order is not presented,
14 a New Mexico law enforcement officer may consider other
15 information in determining whether there is probable cause to
16 believe that a valid foreign protection order exists.

17 C. If a New Mexico law enforcement officer
18 determines that an otherwise valid foreign protection order
19 cannot be enforced because the respondent has not been notified
20 or served with the order, the officer shall inform the
21 respondent of the order, make a reasonable effort to serve the
22 order upon the respondent and allow the respondent a reasonable
23 opportunity to comply with the order before enforcing the
24 order.

25 D. Registration or filing of a foreign protection

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1 order in New Mexico is not required for the enforcement of a
2 valid foreign protection order pursuant to the Uniform
3 Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders
4 Act.

5 Section 5. [NEW MATERIAL] REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN
6 PROTECTION ORDER.--

7 A. A person may register a foreign protection order
8 in New Mexico. To register a foreign protection order, a
9 person shall present to the clerk of the district court:

10 (1) a copy of the foreign protection order
11 that has been certified by the issuing tribunal; and

12 (2) an affidavit by the protected individual
13 stating that, to the best of the protected individual's
14 knowledge, the foreign protection order is currently in effect.

15 B. The clerk shall register the foreign protection
16 order in accordance with this section. After the foreign
17 protection order is registered, the clerk shall furnish to the
18 person registering the order a certified copy of the registered
19 order and shall send a copy of the registered order to the
20 local law enforcement agency. The clerk shall not notify the
21 respondent that the foreign protection order has been
22 registered in New Mexico unless requested to do so by the
23 protected individual.

24 C. A registered foreign protection order that is
25 inaccurate or is not currently in effect must be corrected or

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1 removed from the tribunal's records in accordance with New
2 Mexico law.

3 D. A foreign protection order registered under the
4 Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection
5 Orders Act may be entered in any state or federal registry of
6 protection orders in accordance with applicable law.

7 E. A fee shall not be charged for the registration
8 of a foreign protection order.

9 Section 6. [NEW MATERIAL] LIMITS ON INTERNET
10 PUBLICATION.--A state agency, court or political subdivision of
11 the state, including a magistrate or municipal court, judicial
12 district, law enforcement agency, county, municipality or home-
13 rule municipality, shall not make available publicly on the
14 internet any information regarding the registration of, filing
15 of a petition for or issuance of a protection order,
16 restraining order or injunction, whether the filing or issuance
17 occurred in New Mexico or any other state, if such publication
18 would be likely to publicly reveal the identity or location of
19 the party protected under such an order. A state agency, court
20 or political subdivision may share court-generated and law
21 enforcement-generated information contained in secure,
22 governmental registries for protection order enforcement
23 purposes.

24 Section 7. [NEW MATERIAL] IMMUNITY.--A New Mexico state
25 or local agency, a law enforcement officer, a prosecuting

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1 attorney, a clerk of a court or any state or local governmental
2 official acting in an official capacity is immune from civil
3 and criminal liability for an act or omission arising out of
4 the registration or enforcement of a foreign protection order
5 or the detention or arrest of an alleged violator of a foreign
6 protection order if the act or omission was done in good faith
7 in an effort to comply with the Uniform Interstate Enforcement
8 of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act.

9 Section 8. [NEW MATERIAL] OTHER REMEDIES.--A protected
10 individual who pursues remedies under the Uniform Interstate
11 Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act is not
12 precluded from pursuing other legal or equitable remedies
13 against the respondent.

14 Section 9. [NEW MATERIAL] UNIFORMITY OF APPLICATION AND
15 CONSTRUCTION.--In applying and construing the Uniform
16 Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders
17 Act, consideration shall be given to the need to promote
18 uniformity of the law with respect to its subject matter among
19 the states that enact that act.

20 Section 10. [NEW MATERIAL] TRANSITIONAL PROVISION.--The
21 Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection
22 Orders Act applies to protection orders issued before July 1,
23 2008 and to continuing actions for enforcement of foreign
24 protection orders commenced before July 1, 2008. A request for
25 enforcement of a foreign protection order made on or after July

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1 1, 2008 for violations of a foreign protection order occurring
2 before July 1, 2008 is governed by the Uniform Interstate
3 Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act.

4 Section 11. Section 40-13-6 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987,
5 Chapter 286, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

6 "40-13-6. SERVICE OF ORDER--DURATION--PENALTY--REMEDIES
7 NOT EXCLUSIVE.--

8 A. An order of protection granted under the Family
9 Violence Protection Act shall be filed with the clerk of the
10 court, and a copy shall be sent by the clerk to the local law
11 enforcement agency. The order shall be personally served upon
12 the respondent, unless the respondent or the respondent's
13 attorney was present at the time the order was issued. The
14 order shall be filed and served without cost to the petitioner.

15 B. The local law enforcement agency receiving an
16 order of protection from the clerk of the court that was issued
17 under the Family Violence Protection Act shall have the order
18 entered in the national crime information center's order of
19 protection file within seventy-two hours of receipt. This does
20 not include temporary orders of protection under the provisions
21 of Section 40-13-4 NMSA 1978.

22 C. An order of protection granted by the court
23 involving custody or support shall be effective for a fixed
24 period of time not to exceed six months. The order may be
25 extended for good cause upon motion of the petitioner for an

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1 additional period of time not to exceed six months. Injunctive
2 orders shall continue until modified or rescinded upon motion
3 by either party or until the court approves a subsequent
4 consent agreement entered into by the petitioner and the
5 respondent.

6 D. A peace officer shall arrest without a warrant
7 and take into custody a person whom the peace officer has
8 probable cause to believe has violated an order pursuant to
9 this section.

10 ~~[E. State courts shall give full faith and credit~~
11 ~~to tribal court orders of protection and orders of protection~~
12 ~~issued by courts of other states. A protection order issued by~~
13 ~~a state or tribal court against one who has petitioned, filed a~~
14 ~~complaint or otherwise filed a written pleading for protection~~
15 ~~against abuse by a spouse or intimate partner is not entitled~~
16 ~~to full faith and credit if:~~

17 ~~(1) no cross or counter petition, complaint or~~
18 ~~other written pleading was filed seeking such a protection~~
19 ~~order; or~~

20 ~~(2) a cross or counter petition has been filed~~
21 ~~and the court did not make specific findings that each party~~
22 ~~was entitled to such an order.~~

23 ~~F.]~~ E. A person convicted of violating an order of
24 protection granted by a court under the Family Violence
25 Protection Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be

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1 sentenced in accordance with Section 31-19-1 NMSA 1978. Upon a
2 second or subsequent conviction, an offender shall be sentenced
3 to a jail term of not less than seventy-two consecutive hours
4 that shall not be suspended, deferred or taken under
5 advisement.

6 ~~[G.]~~ F. In addition to any other punishment
7 provided in the Family Violence Protection Act, the court shall
8 order a person convicted to make full restitution to the party
9 injured by the violation of an order of protection and order
10 the person convicted to participate in and complete a program
11 of professional counseling, at the person's own expense, if
12 possible.

13 ~~[H.]~~ G. In addition to charging the person with
14 violating an order of protection, a peace officer shall file
15 all other possible criminal charges arising from an incident of
16 domestic abuse when probable cause exists.

17 ~~[I.]~~ H. The remedies provided in the Family
18 Violence Protection Act are in addition to any other civil or
19 criminal remedy available to the petitioner."

20 Section 12. SEVERABILITY.--If any part or application of
21 the Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence
22 Protection Orders Act is held invalid, the remainder or its
23 application to other situations or persons shall not be
24 affected.

25 Section 13. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the

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1 provisions of this act is July 1, 2008.

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