## HOUSE BILL 52

## 54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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## AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; RECOGNIZING HARM OR THREATENED HARM TO COMPANION ANIMALS AS DOMESTIC ABUSE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 40-13-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987, Chapter 286, Section 2, as amended) is amended to read:

"40-13-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Family Violence Protection Act:

HJC→A. "companion animal" means a vertebrate commonly kept as a domestic pet;←HJC

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HJC→A B←HJC. "continuing personal relationship" means a dating or intimate relationship;

HJC→B C←HJC. "co-parents" means persons who have a child in common, regardless of whether they have been married or have lived together at any time;

HJC→C D←HJC. "court" means the district court of the judicial district where an alleged victim of domestic abuse resides or is found;

HJC→D E←HJC . "domestic abuse":

- (1) means an incident of stalking or sexual assault whether committed by a household member or not;
- (2) means an incident by a household member against another household member consisting of or resulting in:
  - (a) physical harm;
  - (b) severe emotional distress;
  - (c) bodily injury or assault;
- (d) a threat causing imminent fear of bodily injury by any household member;
  - (e) criminal trespass;
  - (f) criminal damage to property;
  - (g) repeatedly driving by a residence or

work place;

- (h) telephone harassment;
- (i) harassment;
- (j) strangulation;

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- (k) suffocation; or
- (1) harm or threatened harm to children as set forth in this paragraph; [and]
- (3) means an incident by a household member consisting of or resulting in the act or threat of:
- (a) intentionally or maliciously

  torturing, mutilating, injuring or poisoning a HJC→household

  member's←HJC companion animal; or
- (b) HJC→intentionally or←HJC maliciously

  killing a HJC→household member's←HJC companion animal; and

  [(3)] (4) does not mean the use of force in

self-defense or the defense of another;

HJC→E F←HJC . "household member" means a spouse, former spouse, parent, present or former stepparent, present or former [parent in-law] parent-in-law, grandparent, grandparent-in-law, child, stepchild, grandchild, co-parent of a child or a person with whom the petitioner has had a continuing personal relationship. Cohabitation is not necessary to be deemed a household member for purposes of this section;

HJC $\rightarrow$ F G $\leftarrow$ HJC . "mutual order of protection" means an order of protection that includes provisions that protect both parties;

HJC→G H←HJC . "order of protection" means an injunction or a restraining or other court order granted for the protection of a victim of domestic abuse;

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HJC→H I←HJC . "protected party" means a person protected by an order of protection;

HJC $\rightarrow$ J K $\leftarrow$ HJC. "strangulation" has the same meaning as set forth in Section 30-3-11 NMSA 1978; and

HJC→K L←HJC. "suffocation" has the same meaning as set forth in Section 30-3-11 NMSA 1978."

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