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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 13-603 AND 13-3602, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 13-603, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

13-603. <u>Authorized disposition of offenders</u>

- A. Every person convicted of any offense defined in this title or defined outside this title shall be sentenced in accordance with this chapter and chapters 7, 8 and 9 of this title unless otherwise provided by law.
- B. If a person is convicted of an offense, the court, if authorized by chapter 9 of this title, may suspend the imposition or execution of sentence and grant such person a period of probation except as otherwise provided by law. The sentence is tentative to the extent that it may be altered or revoked in accordance with chapter 9 of this title, but for all other purposes it is a final judgment of conviction.
- C. If a person is convicted of an offense, the court shall require the convicted person to make restitution to the person who is the victim of the crime or to the immediate family of the victim if the victim has died, in the full amount of the economic loss as determined by the court and in the manner as determined by the court or the court's designee pursuant to chapter 8 of this title. Restitution ordered pursuant to this subsection shall be paid to the clerk of the court for disbursement to the victim and is a criminal penalty for the purposes of a federal bankruptcy involving the person convicted of an offense.
- D. If the court imposes probation it may also impose a fine as authorized by chapter 8 of this title.
- E. If a person is convicted of an offense and not granted a period of probation, or when probation is revoked, any of the following sentences may be imposed:
- 1. A term of imprisonment authorized by this chapter or chapter 7 of this title.
- 2. A fine authorized by chapter 8 of this title. The sentence is tentative to the extent it may be modified or revoked in accordance with chapter 8 of this title, but for all other purposes it is a final judgment of conviction. If the conviction is of a class 2, 3 or 4 felony, the sentence cannot consist solely of a fine.
 - 3. Both imprisonment and a fine.
- 4. Intensive probation, subject to the provisions of chapter 9 of this title.
- 5. Intensive probation, subject to the provisions of chapter 9 of this title, and a fine.
 - 6. A new term of probation or intensive probation.
- 7. If the conviction is for a misdemeanor, in addition to any sentence authorized by law, a term of:
 - (a) Community restitution pursuant to section 13-717, subsection A.

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- (b) Education or treatment pursuant to section 13-717, subsection B.
- F. If an enterprise is convicted of any offense, a fine may be imposed as authorized by chapter 8 of this title.
- G. If a person or an enterprise is convicted of any felony, the court, in addition to any other sentence authorized by law, may order the forfeiture, suspension or revocation of any charter, license, permit or prior approval granted to the person or enterprise by any department or agency of the state or of any political subdivision.
- H. A court authorized to pass sentence on a person convicted of any offense defined within or without this title shall have a duty to determine and impose the punishment prescribed for such offense.
- I. If a person is convicted of a felony offense and the court sentences the person to a term of imprisonment, the court at the time of sentencing shall impose on the convicted person a term of community supervision. The term of community supervision shall be served consecutively to the actual period of imprisonment if the person signs and agrees to abide by conditions of supervision established by the state department of corrections. Except pursuant to subsection J of this section, the term of community supervision imposed by the court shall be for a period equal to one day for every seven days of the sentence or sentences imposed.
- J. In calculating the term of community supervision, all fractions shall be decreased to the nearest month, except for a class 5 or 6 felony which shall not be less than one month.
- K. Notwithstanding subsection I of this section, if the court sentences a person to serve a consecutive term of probation immediately after the person serves a term of imprisonment, the court may waive community supervision and order that the person begin serving the term of probation on the person's release from confinement. The court may retroactively waive the term of community supervision or that part remaining to be served if the community supervision was imposed before July 21, 1997. If the court waives community supervision, the term of probation imposed shall be equal to or greater than the term of community supervision that would have been imposed. If the court does not waive community supervision, the person shall begin serving the term of probation after the person serves the term of community supervision. The state department of corrections shall provide reasonable notice to the probation department of the scheduled release of the inmate from confinement by the department.
- L. If at the time of sentencing the court is of the opinion that a sentence that the law requires the court to impose is clearly excessive, the court may enter a special order allowing the person sentenced to petition the board of executive clemency for a commutation of sentence within ninety days after the person is committed to the custody of the

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state department of corrections. If the court enters a special order regarding commutation, the court shall set forth in writing its specific reasons for concluding that the sentence is clearly excessive. The court shall allow both the state and the victim to submit a written statement on the matter. The court's order, and reasons for its order, and the statements of the state and the victim shall be sent to the board of executive clemency.

M. THE COURT SHALL INQUIRE IF THE PERSON POSSESSES A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT AND, IF THE PERSON'S CONVICTION RESULTS IN THE PERSON BEING A PROHIBITED POSSESSOR AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13-3101 OR OTHERWISE UNQUALIFIED TO POSSESS A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-3112, THE COURT SHALL REQUIRE THE PERSON TO SURRENDER THE PERMIT AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING OR, IF THE PERMIT CANNOT BE LOCATED, TO SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT DECLARING THAT THE PERMIT IS LOST. IF THE PERSON DOES NOT SURRENDER THE PERMIT AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING, THE COURT SHALL ORDER THE PERMIT REVOKED. THE COURT SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY THAT THE PERSON'S CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT IS REVOKED. IF THE PERSON IS PLACED ON PROBATION AND HAS NOT SUBMITTED AN AFFIDAVIT DECLARING THAT THE PERMIT IS LOST OR DOES NOT SURRENDER THE PERMIT AFTER THE PERMIT IS REVOKED, THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT SHALL LOCATE THE DEFENDANT AND SEIZE THE PERMIT. THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSFER THE SURRENDERED OR SEIZED PERMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Sec. 2. Section 13-3602, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

13-3602. Order of protection; procedure; contents; arrest for violation; penalty; protection order from another jurisdiction; definition

A. A person may file a verified petition, as in civil actions, with a magistrate, justice of the peace or superior court judge for an order of protection for the purpose of restraining a person from committing an act included in domestic violence. If the person is a minor, the parent, legal guardian or person who has legal custody of the minor shall file the petition unless the court determines otherwise. The petition shall name the parent, guardian or custodian as the plaintiff and the minor is a specifically designated person for the purposes of subsection G of this section. If a person is either temporarily or permanently unable to request an order, a third party may request an order of protection on behalf of the plaintiff. After the request, the judicial officer shall determine if the third party is an appropriate requesting party for the plaintiff. For the purposes of this section, notwithstanding the location of the plaintiff or defendant, any court in this state may issue or enforce an order of protection.

- B. An order of protection shall not be granted:
- 1. Unless the party who requests the order files a written verified petition for an order.

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- 2. Against a person who is less than twelve years of age unless the order is granted by the juvenile division of the superior court.
 - 3. Against more than one defendant.
 - C. The petition shall state the:
- 1. Name of the plaintiff. The plaintiff's address and contact information shall be disclosed to the court for purposes of service and notification. The address and contact information shall not be listed on the petition. Whether or not the court issues an order of protection, the plaintiff's address and contact information shall be maintained in a separate document or automated database and is not subject to release or disclosure by the court or any form of public access except as ordered by the court.
 - 2. Name and address, if known, of the defendant.
- 3. Specific statement, including dates, of the domestic violence alleged.
- 4. Relationship between the parties pursuant to section 13-3601, subsection A and whether there is pending between the parties an action for maternity or paternity, annulment, legal separation or dissolution of marriage.
- 5. Name of the court in which any prior or pending proceeding or order was sought or issued concerning the conduct that is sought to be restrained.
 - 6. Desired relief.
- D. A fee shall not be charged for filing a petition under this section or for service of process. Each court shall provide, without charge, forms for purposes of this section for assisting parties without counsel. The court shall make reasonable efforts to provide the appropriate information to both parties on emergency and counseling services that are available in the local area.
- E. The court shall review the petition, any other pleadings on file and any evidence offered by the plaintiff, including any evidence of harassment by electronic contact or communication, to determine whether the orders requested should issue without further hearing. The court shall issue an order of protection under subsection G of this section if the court determines that there is reasonable cause to believe any of the following:
 - 1. The defendant may commit an act of domestic violence.
- 2. The defendant has committed an act of domestic violence within the past year or within a longer period of time if the court finds that good cause exists to consider a longer period.
- F. For the purposes of determining the period of time under subsection E, paragraph 2 of this section, any time that the defendant has been incarcerated or out of this state shall not be counted. If the court denies the requested relief, it may schedule a further hearing within ten days, with reasonable notice to the defendant.

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- G. If a court issues an order of protection, the court may do any of the following:
- 1. Enjoin the defendant from committing a violation of one or more of the offenses included in domestic violence.
- 2. Grant one party the use and exclusive possession of the parties' residence on a showing that there is reasonable cause to believe that physical harm may otherwise result. If the other party is accompanied by a law enforcement officer, the other party may return to the residence on one occasion to retrieve belongings. A law enforcement officer is not liable for any act or omission in the good faith exercise of the officer's duties under this paragraph. While the order of protection is in effect, if a party was granted the use and exclusive possession of the parties' residence and subsequently moves out of the house THAT RESIDENCE, the party must file a notice in writing with the court within five days after moving out of the residence. After receiving the notification from the plaintiff, the court shall provide notice to the defendant that the plaintiff has moved out of the residence and of the defendant's right to request a hearing pursuant to subsection L of this section.
- 3. Restrain the defendant from contacting the plaintiff or other specifically designated persons and from coming near the residence, place of employment or school of the plaintiff or other specifically designated locations or persons on a showing that there is reasonable cause to believe that physical harm may otherwise result.
- 4. If the court finds that the defendant is a credible threat to the physical safety of the plaintiff or other specifically designated persons, prohibit the defendant from possessing or purchasing a firearm for the duration of the order. If the court prohibits the defendant from possessing a firearm, the court shall also order the defendant to transfer any firearm owned or possessed by the defendant immediately after service of the order to the appropriate law enforcement agency for the duration of the order. If the defendant does not immediately transfer the firearm, the defendant shall transfer the firearm within twenty-four hours after service of the order. IF, AFTER HOLDING A HEARING PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION L OF THIS SECTION, THE COURT PROHIBITS THE DEFENDANT FROM POSSESSING OR PURCHASING A FIREARM FOR THE DURATION OF THE ORDER, THE COURT SHALL INQUIRE IF THE DEFENDANT POSSESSES A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-3112. IF THE DEFENDANT POSSESSES A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT, THE COURT SHALL REQUIRE THE DEFENDANT TO SURRENDER THE PERMIT OR, IF THE PERMIT CANNOT BE LOCATED, TO SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT DECLARING THAT THE PERMIT IS LOST. IF THE DEFENDANT DOES NOT SURRENDER THE PERMIT AT THE HEARING, THE COURT SHALL REVOKE THE PERMIT. THE COURT SHALL ORDER THE DEFENDANT, WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE HEARING THAT WAS HELD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION L OF THIS SECTION, TO SURRENDER THE PERMIT OR, IF THE PERMIT CANNOT BE LOCATED, TO SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT DECLARING THAT THE PERMIT IS LOST, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

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SAFETY. THE COURT SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY THAT THE DEFENDANT'S CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT IS REVOKED.

- 5. If the order was issued after notice and a hearing at which the defendant had an opportunity to participate, require the defendant to complete a domestic violence offender treatment program that is provided by a facility approved by the department of health services or a probation department or any other program deemed appropriate by the court.
- 6. Grant relief that is necessary for the protection of the alleged victim and other specifically designated persons and that is proper under the circumstances.
- 7. Grant the plaintiff the exclusive care, custody or control of any animal that is owned, possessed, leased, kept or held by the plaintiff, the defendant or a minor child residing in the residence or household of the plaintiff or the defendant, and order the defendant to stay away from the animal and forbid the defendant from taking, transferring, encumbering, concealing, committing an act of cruelty or neglect in violation of section 13-2910 or otherwise disposing of the animal.
- H. The court shall not grant a mutual order of protection. If opposing parties separately file verified petitions for an order of protection, the courts after consultation between the judges involved may consolidate the petitions of the opposing parties for hearing. This does not prohibit a court from issuing cross orders of protection.
- I. After granting an order of protection, the court shall provide the order to a law enforcement agency or a constable as set forth in subsection J of this section for service or to an entity that is authorized in subsection K of this section to serve process. The agency or entity serving the order shall provide confirmation of service to the plaintiff as soon as practicable. If service of an order cannot be completed within fifteen days after the agency or entity receives the order, the agency or entity that is attempting service shall notify the plaintiff and continue to attempt service. This notification may be completed by a victim notification system, if available.
- J. If the order of protection is provided to a law enforcement agency or a constable, service of an order of protection is as follows:
- 1. For each order of protection that is issued by a municipal court, if the defendant can be served within that city or town, the order shall be served by the law enforcement agency of that city or town. If the order can be served in another city or town, the order shall be served by the law enforcement agency of that city or town. If the order cannot be served within a city or town, the order shall be served by the sheriff or constable of the county in which the defendant can be served.
- 2. For each order of protection that is issued by a justice of the peace, the order of protection shall be served by the sheriff or constable

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 of the county in which the defendant can be served or by a municipal law enforcement agency.

- 3. For each order of protection that is issued by a superior court judge or commissioner, the order of protection shall by served by the sheriff or constable of the county where the defendant can be served.
- K. In addition to persons authorized to serve process pursuant to rule 4(d) of the Arizona rules of civil procedure, a peace officer or a correctional officer as defined in section 41-1661 who is acting in the officer's official capacity may serve an order of protection that is issued pursuant to this section. Service of the order of protection has priority over other service of process that does not involve an immediate threat to the safety of a person.
- L. At any time during the period during which the order is in effect, a party who is under an order of protection or who is restrained from contacting the other party is entitled to one hearing on written request. No fee may be charged for requesting a hearing. A hearing that is requested by a party who is under an order of protection or who is restrained from contacting the other party shall be held within ten days from the date requested unless the court finds good cause to continue the If exclusive use of the home is awarded, the hearing shall be held within five days from the date requested. The hearing shall be held at the earliest possible time. An ex parte order that is issued under this section shall state on its face that the defendant is entitled to a hearing on written request and shall include the name and address of the judicial office where the request may be filed. After the hearing, the court may modify, quash or continue the order. If the exclusive use of the home is awarded to the party, the court, on written request of a party, may hold additional hearings at any time if there is a change in circumstances related to the primary residence.
 - M. The order shall include the following statement:

Warning

This is an official court order. If you disobey this order, you will be subject to arrest and prosecution for the crime of interfering with judicial proceedings and any other crime you may have committed in disobeying this order.

- N. An order of protection that is not served on the defendant within one year after the date that the order is issued expires. An order is effective on the defendant on service of a copy of the order and petition. An order expires two years after service on the defendant. A modified order is effective on service and expires two years after service of the initial order and petition.
- O. A supplemental information form that is used by the court or a law enforcement agency solely for the purposes of service of process on the defendant and that contains information provided by the plaintiff is confidential.

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- P. Each affidavit, declaration, acceptance or return of service shall be filed as soon as practicable but not later than seventy-two hours, excluding weekends and holidays, with the clerk of the issuing court or as otherwise required by court rule. This filing shall be completed in person, electronically or by fax.
- Q. The supreme court shall maintain a central repository for orders of protection. Within twenty-four hours after the affidavit, declaration, acceptance or return of service has been filed, excluding weekends and holidays, the court from which the order or any modified order was issued shall enter the order and proof of service into the supreme court's central repository for orders of protection. The supreme court shall register the order with the national crime information center. The effectiveness of an order does not depend on its registration, and for enforcement purposes pursuant to section 13-2810, a copy of an order of the court, whether or not registered, is presumed to be a valid existing order of the court for a period of two years from the date of service of the order on the defendant.
- R. A peace officer, with or without a warrant, may arrest a person if the peace officer has probable cause to believe that the person has violated section 13-2810 by disobeying or resisting an order that is issued in any jurisdiction in this state pursuant to this section, whether or not such violation occurred in the presence of the officer. Criminal violations of an order issued pursuant to this section shall be referred to an appropriate law enforcement agency. The provisions for release under section 13-3883, subsection A, paragraph 4 and section 13-3903 do not apply to an arrest made pursuant to this section. For the purposes of this section, any court in this state has jurisdiction to enforce a valid order of protection that is issued in this state and that has been violated in any jurisdiction in this state.
- S. A person who is arrested pursuant to subsection R of this section may be released from custody in accordance with the Arizona rules of criminal procedure or any other applicable statute. An order for release, with or without an appearance bond, shall include pretrial release conditions that are necessary to provide for the protection of the alleged victim and other specifically designated persons and may provide for any other additional conditions that the court deems appropriate, including participation in any counseling programs available to the defendant. The agency with custody of the defendant shall make reasonable efforts to contact the victim and other specifically designated persons in the order of protection, if known to the custodial agency, who requested notification immediately on release of the arrested person from custody.
- T. The remedies provided in this section for enforcement of the orders of the court are in addition to any other civil and criminal remedies available. The superior court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to issue orders of protection in all cases if it appears from the petition

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that an action for maternity or paternity, annulment, legal separation or dissolution of marriage is pending between the parties. A municipal court or justice court shall not issue an order of protection if it appears from the petition that an action for maternity or paternity, annulment, legal separation or dissolution of marriage is pending between the parties. After issuance of an order of protection, if the municipal court or justice court determines that an action for maternity or paternity, annulment, legal separation or dissolution of marriage is pending between the parties, the municipal court or justice court shall stop further proceedings in the action and forward all papers, together with a certified copy of docket entries or any other record in the action, to the superior court where they shall be docketed in the pending superior court action and shall proceed as though the petition for an order of protection had been originally brought in the superior court. Notwithstanding any other law and unless prohibited by an order of the superior court, a municipal court or justice court may hold a hearing on all matters relating to its ex parte order of protection if the hearing was requested before receiving written notice of the pending superior court action. order of protection shall be invalid or determined to be ineffective merely because it was issued by a lower court at a time when an action for maternity or paternity, annulment, legal separation or dissolution of marriage was pending in a higher court. After a hearing with notice to the affected party, the court may enter an order requiring any party to pay the costs of the action, including reasonable attorney fees, if any. An order that is entered by a justice court or municipal court after a hearing pursuant to this section may be appealed to the superior court as provided in title 22, chapter 2, article 4, section 22-425, subsection B and the superior court rules of civil appellate procedure without regard to an amount in controversy. No fee may be charged to either party for filing an appeal. For the purposes of this subsection, "pending" means, with respect to an action for annulment, legal separation or dissolution of marriage or for maternity or paternity, either that:

- 1. An action has been commenced but a final judgment, decree or order has not been entered.
- 2. A post-decree proceeding has been commenced but a judgment, decree or order finally determining the proceeding has not been entered.
- U. A peace officer who makes an arrest pursuant to this section or section 13-3601 is not civilly or criminally liable for the arrest if the officer acts on probable cause and without malice.
- V. A valid protection order that is related to domestic or family violence and that is issued by a court in another state, a court of a United States territory or a tribal court shall be accorded full faith and credit and shall be enforced as if it were issued in this state for as long as the order is effective in the issuing jurisdiction. For the purposes of this subsection:

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- 1. A protection order includes any injunction or other order that is issued for the purpose of preventing violent or threatening acts or harassment against, contact or communication with or physical proximity to another person. A protection order includes temporary and final orders other than support or child custody orders that are issued by civil and criminal courts if the order is obtained by the filing of an independent action or is a pendente lite order in another proceeding. The civil order shall be issued in response to a complaint, petition or motion that was filed by or on behalf of a person seeking protection.
- 2. A protection order is valid if the issuing court had jurisdiction over the parties and the matter under the laws of the issuing state, a United States territory or an Indian tribe and the person against whom the order was issued had reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard. If the order is issued ex parte, the notice and opportunity to be heard shall be provided within the time required by the laws of the issuing state, a United States territory or an Indian tribe and within a reasonable time after the order was issued.
- 3. A mutual protection order that is issued against both the party who filed a petition or a complaint or otherwise filed a written pleading for protection against abuse and the person against whom the filing was made is not entitled to full faith and credit if either:
- (a) The person against whom an initial order was sought has not filed a cross or counter petition or other written pleading seeking a protection order.
- (b) The issuing court failed to make specific findings supporting the entitlement of both parties to be granted a protection order.
- 4. A peace officer may presume the validity of and rely on a copy of a protection order that is issued by another state, a United States territory or an Indian tribe if the order was given to the officer by any source. A peace officer may also rely on the statement of any person who is protected by the order that the order remains in effect. A peace officer who acts in good faith reliance on a protection order is not civilly or criminally liable for enforcing the protection order pursuant to this section.
- W. For the purposes of this section, "victim notification system" means an automated system that may provide plaintiffs and crime victims with an automated notification regarding the person's case.

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