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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 25-403.06, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 25, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 25-1502; AMENDING SECTIONS 41-162 AND 41-165, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS PROCEEDINGS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 25-403.06, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 25-403.06. Parental access to prescription medication and
5 records; address confidentiality program;
6 applicability

7 A. Unless otherwise provided by court order or law, on reasonable
8 request both parents are entitled to have equal access to prescription
9 medication, documents and other information concerning the child's
10 education and physical, mental, moral and emotional health, including
11 medical, school, police, court and other records, directly from the
12 custodian of the records or from the other parent.

13 B. A person who does not comply with a reasonable request shall
14 reimburse the requesting parent for court costs and attorney fees incurred
15 by that parent to force compliance with this section.

16 C. A parent with joint legal custody shall not designate one
17 pharmacy in a single location as the only source of the child's
18 prescription medication without THE agreement of the other parent.

19 D. A parent who attempts to restrict the release of documents or
20 information by the custodian or attempts to withhold prescription
21 medication without a prior court order is subject to appropriate legal
22 sanctions.

23 E. IF A PARENT HAS SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY AND THAT
24 PARENT IS A PARTICIPANT IN THE ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED
25 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-162 BECAUSE OF THE ACTIONS OF THE OTHER PARENT,
26 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE PARENT WHO DOES NOT
27 HAVE SOLE LEGAL DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY. THE PARENT WITH LEGAL
28 DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY WHO IS A PARTICIPANT IN THE ADDRESS
29 CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM MAY PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
30 THIS SUBSECTION BY EMAIL, CELL PHONE APPLICATION OR REGULAR MAIL.

31 Sec. 2. Title 25, chapter 11, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
32 is amended by adding section 25-1502, to read:

33 25-1502. Participants in address confidentiality program; use
34 of substitute address; applicability; violations;
35 classification

36 A. IN ANY MATTER BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE, IF A PARTY TO THE
37 MATTER IS A PARTICIPANT IN THE ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED
38 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-162, THE COURT SHALL USE THE PARTY'S ADDRESS
39 CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM SUBSTITUTE ADDRESS IN ALL FILINGS, NOTICES AND
40 COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO THE MATTER.

41 B. AN ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM PARTICIPANT'S RESIDENCE
42 ADDRESS SHALL BE SEALED IN ALL COURT RECORDS AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO
43 ANY PARTY OR ATTORNEY.

44 C. THE PARTY WHO IS A PARTICIPANT IN THE ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY
45 PROGRAM MAY RECEIVE SERVICE AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 41-162, SUBSECTION C.

1 D. THE COURT MAY NOT CONSIDER A PARTY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE
2 ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM AS EVIDENCE OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 3 1. PARENTAL ALIENATION.
- 4 2. FAILURE TO COOPERATE WITH THE OTHER PARTY.
- 5 3. INSTABILITY.

6 E. ANY PERSON WHO INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY OBTAINS OR DISCLOSES
7 INFORMATION IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION OR SECTION 41-165 IS GUILTY OF A
8 CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR. ANY PERSON WHO INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY OBTAINS OR
9 DISCLOSES INFORMATION IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION OR SECTION 41-165 FOR
10 THE PURPOSE OF HARASSMENT, STALKING OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST A PARTY
11 TO A MATTER THAT IS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 6
12 FELONY.

13 Sec. 3. Section 41-162, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
14 read:

15 41-162. Address confidentiality program; duties of secretary
16 of state; substitute address; application
17 assistants

18 A. ~~On or before December 31, 2012,~~ The secretary of state shall
19 establish the address confidentiality program to allow persons who have
20 been subjected to domestic violence offenses, sexual offenses or stalking
21 to keep their residence addresses confidential and not accessible to the
22 general public. Participants in the program shall receive a substitute
23 address that becomes the participant's lawful address of record.

24 B. The secretary of state shall:

- 25 1. Designate a substitute address for a program participant that is
26 used by state and local government entities as set forth in this section.
- 27 2. Receive mail sent to a program participant at a substitute
28 address and forward the mail to the program participant as set forth in
29 paragraph 3 of this subsection.
- 30 3. Receive first-class, certified or registered mail on behalf of a
31 program participant and forward the mail to the program participant for no
32 charge. The secretary of state may arrange to receive and forward other
33 classes or kinds of mail at the program participant's expense. The
34 secretary of state is not required to track or otherwise maintain records
35 of any mail received on behalf of a program participant unless the mail is
36 certified or registered mail.

37 C. Notwithstanding any other law and except as provided by court
38 rule, a program participant may be served by registered mail or by
39 certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the program
40 participant at the program participant's substitute address with any
41 process, notice or demand required or allowed by law to be served on the
42 program participant. This subsection does not prescribe the only means,
43 or necessarily the required means, of serving a program participant in
44 this state.

1 D. A COURT MAY NOT ORDER THE DISCLOSURE OF A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT'S
2 RESIDENCE ADDRESS OR LOCATION INFORMATION UNLESS THE COURT FINDS, BY CLEAR
3 AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE, THAT DISCLOSURE OF A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT'S
4 RESIDENCE ADDRESS IS ESSENTIAL TO A COMPELLING STATE INTEREST AND THAT NO
5 REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE EXISTS TO ACCOMPLISH THAT PURPOSE WITHOUT THE
6 DISCLOSURE OF THE PROGRAM PARTICIPANT'S RESIDENCE ADDRESS.

7 ~~D.~~ E. The secretary of state may designate as an application
8 assistant any person who:

9 1. Provides counseling, referral or other services to victims of
10 domestic violence, a sexual offense or stalking.

11 2. Completes any training and registration process required by the
12 secretary of state.

13 ~~E.~~ F. Any assistance and counseling rendered by the secretary of
14 state or an application assistant to an applicant related to this section
15 is not legal advice.

16 Sec. 4. Section 41-165, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
17 read:

18 41-165. Disclosure of actual address prohibited; exceptions;
19 violations; classification

20 A. The secretary of state shall not disclose any address or
21 telephone number of a program participant other than the substitute
22 address designated by the secretary of state, except under any of the
23 following circumstances:

24 1. The information is required by direction of a court order.
25 ~~, except that~~ Any person to whom a program participant's address or
26 telephone number ~~has been~~ IS disclosed PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH shall
27 not disclose the address or telephone number to any other person unless
28 ~~permitted~~ ALLOWED to do so by order of the court or as otherwise provided
29 by law.

30 2. The secretary of state grants a request by a state or local
31 government entity pursuant to section 41-167, subsection D.

32 B. The secretary of state shall provide immediate notification of
33 disclosure to a program participant if disclosure is made pursuant to
34 subsection A of this section.

35 C. If, at the time of application, an applicant or an individual
36 identified pursuant to section 41-163, subsection C, paragraph 10 is
37 subject to a court order related to dissolution of marriage proceedings,
38 child support or the allocation of parental responsibilities or parenting
39 time, the secretary of state shall notify the court that issued the order
40 of the certification of the program participant in the address
41 confidentiality program and the substitute address designated by the
42 secretary of state. If, at the time of application, an applicant or an
43 individual identified pursuant to section 41-163, subsection C, paragraph
44 10 is involved in a court action related to dissolution of marriage
45 proceedings, child support or the allocation of parental responsibilities

1 or parenting time, the secretary of state shall notify the court having
2 jurisdiction over the action of the certification of the applicant in the
3 address confidentiality program and the substitute address designated by
4 the secretary of state.

5 D. A person shall not intentionally or knowingly obtain OR ATTEMPT
6 TO OBTAIN a program participant's actual address or telephone number,
7 WHETHER from the secretary of state or a state or local government entity,
8 OR BY ANY OTHER MEANS, knowing that the person is not authorized to obtain
9 the address information.

10 E. An employee of the secretary of state or a state or local
11 government entity shall not intentionally or knowingly disclose a program
12 participant's actual address or telephone number unless the disclosure is
13 permissible by law. This subsection ~~only~~ applies ONLY if an employee
14 obtains a program participant's actual address or telephone number during
15 the course of the employee's official duties and, at the time of
16 disclosure, the employee has specific knowledge that the actual address or
17 telephone number disclosed belongs to a program participant.

18 F. Any person who intentionally or knowingly obtains OR ATTEMPTS TO
19 OBTAIN or discloses information in violation of this section is guilty of
20 a class 1 misdemeanor. ANY PERSON WHO INTENTIONALLY OR KNOWINGLY OBTAINS
21 OR ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN OR DISCLOSES INFORMATION IN VIOLATION OF THIS
22 SECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF HARASSMENT, STALKING OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
23 AGAINST A PARTY TO A MATTER THAT IS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO TITLE 25 IS GUILTY
24 OF A CLASS 6 FELONY. IF THE CONDUCT INVOLVES SURVEILLANCE OF A MINOR, USE
25 OF A THIRD PARTY OR REPEATED ATTEMPTS, THE PERSON IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 5
26 FELONY.