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**77-36-1.1 Enhancement of offense and penalty for subsequent domestic violence offenses.**

- (1) As used in this section:
  - (a)
    - (i) "Convicted" means a conviction by plea or verdict of a crime or offense.
    - (ii) "Convicted" includes:
      - (A) a plea of guilty or guilty with a mental condition;
      - (B) a plea of no contest; and
      - (C) the acceptance by the court of a plea in abeyance under Title 77, Chapter 2a, Pleas in Abeyance, regardless of whether the charge is subsequently reduced or dismissed in accordance with the plea in abeyance agreement.
    - (iii) "Convicted" does not include an adjudication in juvenile court.
  - (b) "Offense against the person" means commission or attempt to commit an offense under Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 1, Assault and Related Offenses, Part 2, Criminal Homicide, Part 3, Kidnapping, Trafficking, and Smuggling, Part 4, Sexual Offenses, or Part 7, Genital Mutilation, by one cohabitant against another.
  - (c) "Property damage offense" means the commission or attempt to commit an offense under Section 76-6-106 or 76-6-106.1 by one cohabitant against another.
  - (d) "Qualifying domestic violence offense" means:
    - (i) a domestic violence offense in Utah; or
    - (ii) an offense in any other state, or in any district, possession, or territory of the United States, that would be a domestic violence offense under Utah law.
- (2) An individual who is convicted of a domestic violence offense is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if:
  - (a) the domestic violence offense described in this Subsection (2) is designated by law as a class C misdemeanor; and
  - (b) the individual commits or is convicted of the domestic violence offense described in this Subsection (2):
    - (i) within 10 years after the day on which the individual is convicted of a qualifying domestic violence offense that is not a property damage offense; or
    - (ii) within five years after the day on which the individual is convicted of a property damage offense.
- (3) An individual who is convicted of a domestic violence offense is guilty of a class A misdemeanor if:
  - (a) the domestic violence offense described in this Subsection (3) is designated by law as a class B misdemeanor; and
  - (b) the individual commits or is convicted of the domestic violence offense described in this Subsection (3):
    - (i) within 10 years after the day on which the individual is convicted of a qualifying domestic violence offense that is not a property damage offense; or
    - (ii) within five years after the day on which the individual is convicted of a property damage offense.
- (4) An individual who is convicted of a domestic violence offense is guilty of a third degree felony if:
  - (a) the domestic violence offense described in this Subsection (4) is designated by law as a class B misdemeanor offense against the person and the individual:
    - (i)

- (A) commits or is convicted of the domestic violence offense described in this Subsection (4) within 10 years after the day on which the individual is convicted of a qualifying domestic violence offense that is not a property damage offense; and
  - (B) is convicted of another qualifying domestic violence offense that is not a property damage offense after the day on which the individual is convicted of the qualifying domestic violence offense described in Subsection (4)(a)(i)(A) and before the day on which the individual is convicted of the domestic violence offense described in this Subsection (4);
- (ii)
- (A) commits or is convicted of the domestic violence offense described in this Subsection (4) within five years after the day on which the individual is convicted of a property damage offense; and
  - (B) is convicted of another property damage offense after the day on which the individual is convicted of the property damage offense described in Subsection (4)(a)(ii)(A) and before the day on which the individual is convicted of the domestic violence offense described in this Subsection (4); or
- (iii) commits or is convicted of the domestic violence offense described in this Subsection (4) within 10 years after the day on which the individual is convicted of a qualifying domestic violence offense that is not a property damage offense and within five years after the day on which the individual is convicted of a property damage offense; and
- (b)
- (i) the domestic violence offense described in this Subsection (4) is designated by law as a class A misdemeanor; and
  - (ii) the individual commits or is convicted of the domestic violence offense described in this Subsection (4):
    - (A) within 10 years after the day on which the individual is convicted of a qualifying domestic violence offense that is not a property damage offense; or
    - (B) within five years after the day on which the individual is convicted of a property damage offense.

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