

Representative V. Lowry Snow proposes the following substitute bill:

SEXUAL VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: V. Lowry Snow

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill establishes the Sexual Violence Protection Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates a sexual violence protective order and an ex parte sexual violence protective order;
- ▶ establishes procedures for the application, modification, and enforcement of a sexual violence protective order and an ex parte sexual violence protective order;
- and
- ▶ requires that a sexual violence protective order and a dating violence protective order be placed on the statewide warrant system.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:



26 **53-10-208**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapters 292 and 356

27 **53-10-208.1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 366

28 ENACTS:

29 **78B-7-501**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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31 **78B-7-503**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

32 **78B-7-504**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

33 **78B-7-505**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

34 **78B-7-506**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

35 **78B-7-507**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

36 **78B-7-508**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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39 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

40 Section 1. Section **53-10-208** is amended to read:

41 **53-10-208. Definition -- Offenses included on statewide warrant system --**

42 **Transportation fee to be included -- Statewide warrant system responsibility -- Quality**
43 **control -- Training -- Technical support -- Transaction costs.**

44 (1) "Statewide warrant system" means the portion of the state court computer system
45 that is accessible by modem from the state mainframe computer and contains:

46 (a) records of criminal warrant information; and

47 (b) after notice and hearing, records of protective orders issued pursuant to:

48 (i) Title 77, Chapter 36, Cohabitant Abuse Procedures Act; [or]

49 (ii) Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 1, Cohabitant Abuse Act[.];

50 (iii) Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 4, Dating Violence Protection Act; or

51 (iv) Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 5, Sexual Violence Protection Act.

52 (2) (a) The division shall include on the statewide warrant system all warrants issued
53 for felony offenses and class A, B, and C misdemeanor offenses in the state.

54 (b) The division shall include on the statewide warrant system all warrants issued for
55 failure to appear on a traffic citation as ordered by a magistrate under Subsection **77-7-19(3)**.

56 (c) For each warrant, the division shall indicate whether the magistrate ordered under

57 Section 77-7-5 and Rule 6, Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure, that the accused appear in court.

58 (3) The division is the agency responsible for the statewide warrant system and shall:

59 (a) ensure quality control of all warrants of arrest or commitment and protective orders
60 contained in the statewide warrant system by conducting regular validation checks with every
61 clerk of a court responsible for entering the information on the system;

62 (b) upon the expiration of the protective orders and in the manner prescribed by the
63 division, purge information regarding protective orders described in Subsection 53-10-208.1(4)
64 within 30 days of the time after expiration;

65 (c) establish system procedures and provide training to all criminal justice agencies
66 having access to information contained on the state warrant system;

67 (d) provide technical support, program development, and systems maintenance for the
68 operation of the system; and

69 (e) pay data processing and transaction costs for state, county, and city law
70 enforcement agencies and criminal justice agencies having access to information contained on
71 the state warrant system.

72 (4) (a) Any data processing or transaction costs not funded by legislative appropriation
73 shall be paid on a pro rata basis by all agencies using the system during the fiscal year.

74 (b) This Subsection (4) supersedes any conflicting provision in Subsection (3)(e).

75 Section 2. Section 53-10-208.1 is amended to read:

76 **53-10-208.1. Magistrates and court clerks to supply information.**

77 Every magistrate or clerk of a court responsible for court records in this state shall,
78 within 30 days of the disposition and on forms and in the manner provided by the division,
79 furnish the division with information pertaining to:

80 (1) all dispositions of criminal matters, including:

81 (a) guilty pleas;

82 (b) convictions;

83 (c) dismissals;

84 (d) acquittals;

85 (e) pleas held in abeyance;

86 (f) judgments of not guilty by reason of insanity for a violation of:

87 (i) a felony offense;

- 88 (ii) Title 76, Chapter 5, Offenses Against the Person; or
- 89 (iii) Title 76, Chapter 10, Part 5, Weapons;
- 90 (g) judgments of guilty with a mental illness;
- 91 (h) finding of mental incompetence to stand trial for a violation of:
- 92 (i) a felony offense;
- 93 (ii) Title 76, Chapter 5, Offenses Against the Person; or
- 94 (iii) Title 76, Chapter 10, Part 5, Weapons; or
- 95 (i) probations granted; and
- 96 (2) orders of civil commitment under the terms of Section [62A-15-631](#);
- 97 (3) the issuance, recall, cancellation, or modification of all warrants of arrest or
- 98 commitment as described in Rule 6, Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure and Section [78B-6-303](#),
- 99 within one day of the action and in a manner provided by the division; and
- 100 (4) protective orders issued after notice and hearing, pursuant to:
- 101 (a) Title 77, Chapter 36, Cohabitant Abuse Procedures Act; [or]
- 102 (b) Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 1, Cohabitant Abuse Act[-:];
- 103 (c) Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 4, Dating Violence Protection Act; or
- 104 (d) Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 5, Sexual Violence Protection Act.

Section 3. Section **78B-7-501** is enacted to read:

Part 5. Sexual Violence Protection Act

78B-7-501. Title.

This part is known as the "Sexual Violence Protection Act."

Section 4. Section **78B-7-502** is enacted to read:

78B-7-502. Definitions.

As used in this part:

- 112 (1) "Cohabitant" means the same as that term is defined in Section [78B-7-102](#).
- 113 (2) "Dating partner" means the same as that term is defined in Section [78B-7-402](#).
- 114 (3) "Ex parte sexual violence protective order" means an order issued without notice to

the respondent in accordance with the requirements of this part.

- 116 (4) "Protective order" means:
- 117 (a) a sexual violence protective order; or
- 118 (b) an ex parte sexual violence protective order.

- 119 (5) "Sexual violence" means the commission or the attempt to commit:
120 (i) any sexual offense described in Title 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual Offenses, or Title
121 76, Chapter 5, Part 4, Sexual Exploitation;
122 (ii) human trafficking for forced exploitation under Section 76-5-308;
123 (iii) human trafficking for forced exploitation under Section 76-5-308.5; or
124 (iv) aggravated human trafficking for forced exploitation under Section 76-5-310.
125 (6) "Sexual violence protective order" means an order issued after notice and a hearing
126 in accordance with the requirements of this part.

127 Section 5. Section **78B-7-503** is enacted to read:

128 **78B-7-503. Sexual violence protective orders.**

129 (1) An individual who has been subjected to sexual violence, and who is neither a
130 cohabitant nor a dating partner of the perpetrator, may seek an ex parte sexual violence
131 protective order or a sexual violence protective order under this part.

132 (2) A petition seeking a sexual violence protective order may not be withdrawn without
133 written order of the court.

134 Section 6. Section **78B-7-504** is enacted to read:

135 **78B-7-504. Sexual violence protective orders -- Ex parte protective orders --**
136 **Modification of orders.**

137 (1) If it appears from a petition for a protective order or a petition to modify an existing
138 protective order that sexual violence has occurred, the district court may:

139 (a) without notice, immediately issue an ex parte sexual violence protective order
140 against the respondent or modify an existing sexual violence protective order ex parte, if
141 necessary to protect the petitioner or any party named in the petition; or

142 (b) upon notice to the respondent, issue a sexual violence protective order or modify a
143 sexual violence protective order after a hearing, regardless of whether the respondent appears.

144 (2) The district court may grant the following relief with or without notice in a
145 protective order or in a modification to a protective order:

146 (a) prohibit the respondent from threatening to commit or committing sexual violence
147 against the petitioner and a family or household member designated in the protective order;

148 (b) prohibit the respondent from telephoning, contacting, or otherwise communicating
149 with the petitioner or a family or household member designated in the protective order, directly

150 or indirectly;

151 (c) order that the respondent:

152 (i) is excluded and shall stay away from the petitioner's residence and its premises;

153 (ii) subject to Subsection (4), stay away from the petitioner's:

154 (A) school and its premises;

155 (B) place of employment and its premises; or

156 (C) place of worship and its premises; or

157 (iii) stay away from any specified place frequented by the petitioner or a family or

158 household member designated in the protective order;

159 (d) prohibit the respondent from being within a specified distance of the petitioner; or

160 (e) order any further relief that the district court considers necessary to provide for the

161 safety and welfare of the petitioner and a family or household member designated in the

162 protective order.

163 (3) The district court may grant the following relief in a sexual violence protective

164 order or a modification of a sexual violence protective order, after notice and a hearing,

165 regardless of whether the respondent appears:

166 (a) the relief described in Subsection (2); and

167 (b) except as provided in Subsection (5), upon finding that the respondent's use or

168 possession of a weapon poses a serious threat of harm to the petitioner or a family or household

169 member designated in the protective order, prohibit the respondent from purchasing, using, or

170 possessing a weapon specified by the district court.

171 (4) If the petitioner or a family or household member designated in the protective order

172 attends the same school as the respondent, is employed at the same place of employment as the

173 respondent, or attends the same place of worship as the respondent, the court may enter an

174 order:

175 (a) that excludes the respondent from the respondent's school, place of employment, or

176 place of worship; or

177 (b) governing the respondent's conduct at the respondent's school, place of

178 employment, or place of worship.

179 (5) The district court may not prohibit the respondent from possessing a firearm:

180 (a) if the respondent has not been given notice of the petition for a protective order and

181 an opportunity to be heard; and
182 (b) unless the petition establishes:
183 (i) by a preponderance of the evidence that the respondent committed sexual violence
184 against the petitioner; and
185 (ii) by clear and convincing evidence that the respondent's use or possession of a
186 firearm poses a serious threat of harm to the petitioner or a family or household member
187 designated in the protective order.
188 (6) After the day on which the district court issues a sexual violence protective order,
189 the district court shall:
190 (a) as soon as possible, deliver the order to the county sheriff for service of process;
191 (b) make reasonable efforts at the hearing to ensure that the petitioner and the
192 respondent, if present, understand the sexual violence protective order;
193 (c) transmit electronically, by the end of the business day after the day on which the
194 court issues the order, a copy of the sexual violence protective order to a local law enforcement
195 agency designated by the petitioner; and
196 (d) transmit a copy of the sexual violence protective order in the same manner as
197 described in Section [78B-7-113](#).
198 (7) (a) A respondent may request the court modify or vacate a protective order in
199 accordance with Subsection (7)(b).
200 (b) Upon a respondent's request, the district court may modify or vacate a protective
201 order after notice and hearing, if the petitioner:
202 (a) is personally served with notice of the hearing, as provided in the Utah Rules of
203 Civil Procedure, and appears before the district court to give specific consent to the
204 modification or vacation of the provisions of the protective order; or
205 (b) submits an affidavit agreeing to the modification or vacation of the provisions of
206 the protective order.
207 (8) To the extent that the provisions of this part are more specific than the Utah Rules
208 of Civil Procedure regarding a protective order, the provisions of this part govern.
209 Section 7. Section **78B-7-505** is enacted to read:
210 **78B-7-505. Hearings -- Expiration -- Extension.**
211 (1) (a) Within 20 days after the day on which a district court issues an ex parte sexual

212 violence protective order, the district court shall set a date for a hearing on the petition for a
213 sexual violence protective order.

214 (b) If, at the hearing described in Subsection (1)(a), the district court does not issue a
215 sexual violence protective order, the ex parte sexual protective order expires, unless extended
216 by the district court.

217 (c) The district court may extend the 20-day period described in Subsection (1)(a) only
218 if:

219 (i) the petitioner is unable to be present at the hearing;

220 (ii) the respondent has not been served; or

221 (iii) exigent circumstances exist.

222 (d) Under no circumstances may an ex parte sexual violence order be extended beyond
223 180 days from the day on which the district court issues the initial ex parte sexual violence
224 protective order.

225 (e) If, at the hearing described in Subsection (1)(a), the district court issues a sexual
226 violence protective order, the ex parte sexual violence protective order remains in effect until
227 service of process of the sexual violence protective order is completed.

228 (f) Except as provided in Subsection (3), a sexual violence protective order remains in
229 effect for 180 days after the day on which the district court issues the order.

230 (g) If the hearing described in Subsection (1)(a) is held by a commissioner, the
231 petitioner or respondent may file an objection within 10 calendar days after the day on which
232 the commissioner enters the recommended order, and the assigned judge shall hold a hearing
233 on the objection within 20 days after the day on which the objection is filed.

234 (2) If the district court denies a petition for an ex parte sexual violence protective order
235 or a petition to modify a sexual violence protective order ex parte, the district court shall, upon
236 the petitioner's request:

237 (a) set the matter for hearing; and

238 (b) notify and serve the respondent.

239 (3) (a) A sexual violence protective order automatically expires under Subsection (1)(f)
240 unless:

241 (i) the petitioner files a motion before the day on which the sexual violence protective
242 order expires requesting an extension of the sexual violence protective order; and

243 (ii) after notice and a hearing on the motion, the district court finds that an extension of
244 the sexual violence protective order is necessary to protect the petitioner or any party named in
245 the sexual violence protective order.

246 (b) (i) If the district court denies the motion described in Subsection (3)(a), the sexual
247 violence protective order expires under Subsection (1)(f).

248 (ii) If the district court grants the motion described in Subsection (3)(a), the district
249 court shall set a new date on which the sexual violence protective order expires.

250 (iii) A sexual violence protective order that is extended under this Subsection (3), may
251 not be extended for more than 180 days after the day on which the district court issues the order
252 for extension.

253 (iv) A sexual violence protective order may not be extended more than once.

254 (c) After the day on which the district court issues an extension of a sexual violence
255 protective order, the district court shall take the action described in Subsection [78B-7-504\(6\)](#).

256 (4) Nothing in this part prohibits a petitioner from seeking another protective order
257 after the day on which the petitioner's protective order expires.

258 Section 8. Section **78B-7-506** is enacted to read:

259 **78B-7-506. Service of process.**

260 (1) (a) The county sheriff that receives an order from the court under Subsection
261 [78B-7-504\(6\)](#) or [78B-7-505\(3\)](#) shall:

262 (i) provide expedited service for the sexual violence protective order; and

263 (ii) after the sexual violence protective order is served, transmit verification of service
264 of process to the statewide network described in Section [78B-7-113](#).

265 (b) This section does not prohibit another law enforcement agency from providing
266 service of process if the law enforcement agency:

267 (i) has contact with the respondent; or

268 (ii) determines that, under the circumstances, providing service of process on the
269 respondent is in the best interests of the petitioner.

270 (2) When a sexual violence protective order is served on a respondent in jail, or other
271 holding facility, the law enforcement agency managing the facility shall make a reasonable
272 effort to provide notice to the petitioner at the time the respondent is released from
273 incarceration.

274 Section 9. Section **78B-7-507** is enacted to read:

275 **78B-7-507. Fees -- Forms.**

276 (1) A fee may not be imposed by a court clerk, sheriff, constable, or law enforcement
277 agency for:

278 (a) filing a petition for a protective order;

279 (b) obtaining a protective order; or

280 (c) service of a protective order.

281 (2) (a) The office of the court clerk shall provide forms and nonlegal assistance to an
282 individual seeking to proceed under this part.

283 (b) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall:

284 (i) develop and adopt uniform forms for a petition for a protective order and a
285 protective order in accordance with this part; and

286 (ii) provide the forms to the clerk of each court authorized to issue a protective order.

287 (c) The forms described in this Subsection (2) shall include:

288 (i) a statement notifying a petitioner for a protective order that knowing falsification of
289 any statement or information provided for the purpose of obtaining a protective order may
290 subject the petitioner to criminal prosecution;

291 (ii) language stating violation of a protective order is a class A misdemeanor; and

292 (iii) a space for any information a petitioner is able to provide to facilitate identification
293 of the respondent, including Social Security number, driver license number, date of birth,
294 address, telephone number, or physical description.

295 (3) If the individual seeking to proceed under this part is not represented by an
296 attorney, it is the responsibility of the court clerk's office to provide:

297 (a) the forms adopted in accordance with Subsection (2);

298 (b) all other forms required to petition for a protective order, including forms for
299 service of process;

300 (c) except as provided in Subsection (4), clerical assistance in filling out the forms and
301 filing the petition, in accordance with Subsection (2);

302 (d) information regarding the means available for service of process;

303 (e) a list of legal service organizations that may represent an individual in an action
304 brought under this part, with the phone numbers of the organizations; and

305 (f) written information regarding the procedure for transporting a jailed or imprisoned
306 respondent to a protective order hearing.

307 (4) A court clerk's office may designate another entity, agency, or individual to provide
308 the service described in Subsection (3)(c), but the court clerk's office is responsible to see that
309 the service of process is provided.

310 (5) A petition for a protective order shall be in writing and verified.

311 (6) (a) A protective order shall be issued in the form adopted by the Administrative
312 Office of the Courts under Subsection (2).

313 (b) A sexual violence protective order or a modification to a protective order issued
314 after notice and a hearing shall include the following language:

315 "Respondent was afforded both notice and opportunity to be heard in the hearing that
316 gave rise to this order. Pursuant to the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, P.L. 103-322,
317 108 Stat. 1796, 18 U.S.C.A. 2265, this order is valid in all the United States, the District of
318 Columbia, tribal lands, and United States territories. This order complies with the Uniform
319 Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act."

320 Section 10. Section **78B-7-508** is enacted to read:

321 **78B-7-508. Enforcement -- Penalty for violation.**

322 (1) A law enforcement officer shall, without a warrant, arrest an individual if the
323 officer has probable cause to believe that the individual has intentionally or knowingly violated
324 a protective order issued under this part, regardless of whether the violation occurred in the
325 presence of the officer.

326 (2) A violation of a protective order issued under this part is a class A misdemeanor.

327 Section 11. Section **78B-7-509** is enacted to read:

328 **78B-7-509. Duties of law enforcement officers -- Notice to victims.**

329 (1) A law enforcement officer who responds to an allegation of sexual violence shall
330 use all reasonable means to protect the victim and prevent further sexual violence, including:

331 (a) taking action that, in the officer's discretion, is reasonably necessary to provide for
332 the safety of the victim and any family or household member;

333 (b) confiscating any weapon or weapons involved in the alleged sexual violence;

334 (c) making arrangements for the victim and any child to obtain emergency housing or
335 shelter;

336 (d) arranging, facilitating, or providing for the victim and any child to obtain medical
337 treatment; and

338 (e) arranging, facilitating, or providing the victim with immediate and adequate notice
339 of the rights of the victim and of the remedies and services available to victims of sexual
340 violence, in accordance with Subsection (2).

341 (2) (a) A law enforcement officer shall give written notice to the victim in simple
342 language, describing the rights and remedies available under this part.

343 (b) The written notice shall also include:

344 (i) a statement that the forms needed in order to obtain a protective order are available
345 from the court clerk's office in the judicial district where the victim resides or is temporarily
346 domiciled; and

347 (ii) a list of shelters, services, and resources available in the appropriate community,
348 together with telephone numbers, to assist the victim in accessing any needed assistance.

349 (3) If a weapon is confiscated under this section, the law enforcement agency shall
350 return the weapon to the individual from whom the weapon is confiscated if a sexual violence
351 protective order is not issued or once the sexual violence protective order is terminated.