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AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE; EXPANDING THE CATEGORIES OF PERSONS WHO CANNOT RECEIVE, TRANSPORT OR POSSESS A FIREARM; PROVIDING THAT A PERSON SUBJECT TO AN ORDER OF PROTECTION SHALL NOT POSSESS, CARE FOR OR HAVE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF A FIREARM; PROVIDING PENALTIES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 30-7-16 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1981, Chapter 225, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"30-7-16. FIREARMS OR DESTRUCTIVE DEVICES--RECEIPT, TRANSPORTATION OR POSSESSION BY CERTAIN PERSONS--PENALTY.--

A. It is unlawful for the following persons to receive, transport or possess a firearm or destructive device in this state:

(1) a felon;

(2) a person subject to an order of protection pursuant to Section 40-13-5 or 40-13A-5 NMSA 1978; or

(3) a person convicted of any of the following crimes:

(a) battery against a household member pursuant to Section 30-3-15 NMSA 1978;

(b) criminal damage to property of a household member pursuant to Section 30-3-18 NMSA 1978;

1 (c) a first offense of stalking
2 pursuant to Section 30-3A-3 NMSA 1978; or

3 (d) a crime listed in 18 U.S.C. 921.

4 B. A felon found in possession of a firearm shall
5 be guilty of a fourth degree felony and shall be sentenced in
6 accordance with the provisions of the Criminal Sentencing
7 Act; provided that the violation of and the sentence imposed
8 pursuant to this subsection shall be increased to a violation
9 of and the sentence for a third degree felony if the person
10 has previously been convicted of a capital felony or a
11 serious violent offense provided in Paragraph (4) of
12 Subsection L of Section 33-2-34 NMSA 1978.

13 C. Any person subject to an order of protection
14 pursuant to Section 40-13-5 or 40-13A-5 NMSA 1978 or
15 convicted of a crime listed in Paragraph (3) of Subsection A
16 of this section who receives, transports or possesses a
17 firearm or destructive device is guilty of a misdemeanor.

18 D. As used in this section:

19 (1) except as provided in Paragraph (2) of
20 this subsection, "destructive device" means:

21 (a) any explosive, incendiary or poison
22 gas: 1) bomb; 2) grenade; 3) rocket having a propellant
23 charge of more than four ounces; 4) missile having an
24 explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-fourth ounce;
25 5) mine; or 6) similar device;

1 (b) any type of weapon by whatever name
2 known that will, or that may be readily converted to, expel a
3 projectile by the action of an explosive or other propellant,
4 the barrel or barrels of which have a bore of more than one-
5 half inch in diameter, except a shotgun or shotgun shell that
6 is generally recognized as particularly suitable for sporting
7 purposes; or

8 (c) any combination of parts either
9 designed or intended for use in converting any device into a
10 destructive device as defined in this paragraph and from
11 which a destructive device may be readily assembled;

12 (2) the term "destructive device" does not
13 include any device that is neither designed nor redesigned
14 for use as a weapon or any device, although originally
15 designed for use as a weapon, that is redesigned for use as a
16 signaling, pyrotechnic, line throwing, safety or similar
17 device;

18 (3) "felon" means a person convicted of a
19 felony offense by a court of the United States or of any
20 state or political subdivision thereof and:

21 (a) less than ten years have passed
22 since the person completed serving a sentence or period of
23 probation for the felony conviction, whichever is later;

24 (b) the person has not been pardoned
25 for the felony conviction by the proper authority; and

1 (c) the person has not received a
2 deferred sentence; and

3 (4) "firearm" means any weapon that will or
4 is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a
5 projectile by the action of an explosion or the frame or
6 receiver of any such weapon."

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

9 "40-13-2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Family Violence
10 Protection Act:

11 A. "continuing personal relationship" means a
12 dating or intimate relationship;

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

16 C. "court" means the district court of the
17 judicial district where an alleged victim of domestic abuse
18 resides or is found;

19 D. "domestic abuse":

20 (1) means an incident of stalking or sexual
21 assault whether committed by a household member or not;

22 (2) means an incident by a household member
23 against another household member consisting of or resulting
24 in:

25 (a) physical harm;

- 1 (b) severe emotional distress;
2 (c) bodily injury or assault;
3 (d) a threat causing imminent fear of
4 bodily injury by any household member;
5 (e) criminal trespass;
6 (f) criminal damage to property;
7 (g) repeatedly driving by a residence
8 or work place;
9 (h) telephone harassment;
10 (i) harassment;
11 (j) strangulation;
12 (k) suffocation; or
13 (l) harm or threatened harm to children
14 as set forth in this paragraph; and

15 (3) does not mean the use of force in
16 self-defense or the defense of another;

17 E. "firearm" means any weapon that will or is
18 designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile
19 by the action of an explosion or the frame or receiver of any
20 such weapon;

21 F. "household member" means a spouse, former
22 spouse, parent, present or former stepparent, present or
23 former parent-in-law, grandparent, grandparent-in-law, child,
24 stepchild, grandchild, co-parent of a child or a person with
25 whom the petitioner has had a continuing personal

1 relationship. Cohabitation is not necessary to be deemed a
2 household member for purposes of this section;

3 G. "law enforcement officer" means a public
4 official or public officer vested by law with a duty to
5 maintain public order or to make arrests for crime, whether
6 that duty extends to all crimes or is limited to specific
7 crimes;

8 H. "mutual order of protection" means an order of
9 protection that includes provisions that protect both
10 parties;

11 I. "order of protection" means an injunction or a
12 restraining or other court order granted for the protection
13 of a victim of domestic abuse;

14 J. "protected party" means a person protected by
15 an order of protection;

16 K. "restrained party" means a person who is
17 restrained by an order of protection;

18 L. "strangulation" has the same meaning as set
19 forth in Section 30-3-11 NMSA 1978; and

20 M. "suffocation" has the same meaning as set forth
21 in Section 30-3-11 NMSA 1978."

22 SECTION 3. Section 40-13-5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987,
23 Chapter 286, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

24 "40-13-5. ORDER OF PROTECTION--CONTENTS--
25 REMEDIES--TITLE TO PROPERTY NOT AFFECTED--MUTUAL ORDER

1 OF PROTECTION.--

2 A. Upon finding that domestic abuse has occurred
3 or upon stipulation of the parties, the court shall enter an
4 order of protection ordering the restrained party to:

5 (1) refrain from abusing the protected party
6 or any other household member; and

7 (2) if the order is issued pursuant to this
8 section and if the court also determines that the restrained
9 party presents a credible threat to the physical safety of
10 the household member after the restrained party has received
11 notice and had an opportunity to be heard or by stipulation
12 of the parties, to:

13 (a) deliver any firearm in the
14 restrained party's possession, care, custody or control to a
15 law enforcement agency, law enforcement officer or federal
16 firearms licensee while the order of protection is in effect;
17 and

18 (b) refrain from purchasing, receiving,
19 or possessing or attempting to purchase, receive or possess
20 any firearm while the order of protection is in effect.

21 B. In an order of protection entered pursuant to
22 Subsection A of this section, the court shall specifically
23 describe the acts the court has ordered the restrained party
24 to do or refrain from doing. As a part of any order of
25 protection, the court may:

1 (1) grant sole possession of the residence
2 or household to the protected party during the period the
3 order of protection is effective or order the restrained
4 party to provide temporary suitable alternative housing for
5 the protected party and any children to whom the restrained
6 party owes a legal obligation of support;

7 (2) award temporary custody of any children
8 involved when appropriate and provide for visitation rights,
9 child support and temporary support for the protected party
10 on a basis that gives primary consideration to the safety of
11 the protected party and the children;

12 (3) order that the restrained party shall
13 not initiate contact with the protected party;

14 (4) restrain a party from transferring,
15 concealing, encumbering or otherwise disposing of the other
16 party's property or the joint property of the parties except
17 in the usual course of business or for the necessities of
18 life and require the parties to account to the court for all
19 such transferences, encumbrances and expenditures made after
20 the order is served or communicated to the restrained party;

21 (5) order the restrained party to reimburse
22 the protected party or any other household member for
23 expenses reasonably related to the occurrence of domestic
24 abuse, including medical expenses, counseling expenses, the
25 expense of seeking temporary shelter, expenses for the

1 replacement or repair of damaged property or the expense of
2 lost wages;

3 (6) order the restrained party to
4 participate in, at the restrained party's expense,
5 professional counseling programs deemed appropriate by the
6 court, including counseling programs for perpetrators of
7 domestic abuse, alcohol abuse or abuse of controlled
8 substances; and

9 (7) order other injunctive relief as the
10 court deems necessary for the protection of a party,
11 including orders to law enforcement agencies as provided by
12 this section.

13 C. The order of protection shall contain notice
14 that violation of any provision of the order of protection is
15 a violation of state law and that federal law, 18 U.S.C. 922,
16 et seq., prohibits possession of firearms by certain persons.

17 D. If the order of protection supersedes or alters
18 prior orders of the court pertaining to domestic matters
19 between the parties, the order shall say so on its face. If
20 an action relating to child custody or child support is
21 pending or has concluded with entry of an order at the time
22 the petition for an order of protection was filed, the court
23 may enter an initial order of protection, but the portion of
24 the order dealing with child custody or child support will
25 then be transferred to the court that has or continues to

1 have jurisdiction over the pending or prior custody or
2 support action.

3 E. A mutual order of protection shall be issued
4 only in cases where both parties have petitioned the court
5 and the court makes detailed findings of fact indicating that
6 both parties acted primarily as aggressors and that neither
7 party acted primarily in self-defense.

8 F. No order issued under the Family Violence
9 Protection Act shall affect title to any property or allow a
10 party to transfer, conceal, encumber or otherwise dispose of
11 another party's property or the joint or community property
12 of the parties.

13 G. Either party may request a review hearing to
14 amend an order of protection. An order of protection
15 involving child custody or support may be modified without
16 proof of a substantial or material change of circumstances.

17 H. An order of protection shall not be issued
18 unless a petition or a counter petition has been filed."

19 SECTION 4. A new section of the Family Violence
20 Protection Act is enacted to read:

21 "RELINQUISHMENT OF FIREARMS--PENALTY.--

22 A. After the court has issued notice that the
23 restrained party is subject to the provisions of
24 Paragraph (2) of Subsection A of Section 40-13-5 NMSA 1978,
25 the restrained party shall relinquish all firearms in the

1 restrained party's immediate possession or control or subject
2 to the restrained party's possession or control in a safe
3 manner to a law enforcement officer, a law enforcement agency
4 or federal firearms licensee within forty-eight hours of
5 service of the order.

6 B. A law enforcement officer or law enforcement
7 agency shall take possession of all firearms subject to the
8 order of protection that are relinquished by the restrained
9 party or are in plain sight or are discovered pursuant to a
10 lawful search.

11 C. A law enforcement officer or law enforcement
12 agency that takes temporary possession of a firearm pursuant
13 to this section shall:

14 (1) prepare a receipt identifying all
15 firearms that have been relinquished or taken;

16 (2) provide a copy of the receipt to the
17 restrained party;

18 (3) provide a copy of the receipt to the
19 petitioner within seventy-two hours of taking possession of
20 the firearm;

21 (4) file the original receipt with the court
22 that issued the order of protection within seventy-two hours
23 of taking possession of the firearm; and

24 (5) ensure that the law enforcement agency
25 retains a copy of the receipt.

1 D. An order of protection issued pursuant to
2 Section 40-13-5 NMSA 1978 shall include:

3 (1) a statement that the restrained party
4 shall not purchase, receive, transport, possess or have
5 custody or control of a firearm while the order of protection
6 is in effect;

7 (2) a description of the requirements for
8 the relinquishment of firearms as provided in this section;

9 (3) a statement that within seventy-two
10 hours of the issuance of the order of protection the
11 restrained party must file with the court issuing the order:

12 (a) a receipt identifying all firearms
13 that have been relinquished or taken by a law enforcement
14 officer or law enforcement agency; or

15 (b) a declaration of
16 non-relinquishment;

17 (4) the expiration date of relinquishment;

18 (5) the address of the court that issued the
19 order of protection; and

20 (6) a statement that violation of any
21 provision of the order of protection is a violation of state
22 law and that federal law, 18 U.S.C. 922, et seq., prohibits
23 possession of firearms by certain persons.

24 E. If the respondent is present at the hearing on
25 the order of protection, the court shall provide the

1 respondent with a receipt form to identify all firearms to be
2 surrendered or, if the respondent has no firearms to
3 relinquish, a declaration of non-relinquishment. The court
4 shall accept the completed form from the respondent for
5 immediate filing.

6 F. Evidence establishing ownership or possession
7 of a firearm pursuant to this section shall not be admissible
8 as evidence in any criminal proceeding.

9 G. The law enforcement agency or federal firearms
10 licensee with custody of a surrendered or seized firearm
11 shall make the firearm available to a formerly restrained
12 party within three business days of receipt of a request from
13 a formerly restrained party who is then currently eligible to
14 own and possess a firearm.

15 H. A formerly restrained party who has surrendered
16 or had firearms taken by a law enforcement officer or law
17 enforcement agency pursuant to this section who does not wish
18 the firearm returned or who is no longer eligible to possess
19 a firearm may sell or transfer the firearm to a federal
20 firearms licensee. The law enforcement agency shall not
21 release the firearm to a federal firearms licensee until:

22 (1) the federal firearms licensee has
23 displayed proof that the formerly restrained party has
24 transferred the firearm to the licensee; and

25 (2) the law enforcement agency has verified

1 the transfer with the formerly restrained party.

2 I. A law enforcement agency holding a firearm
3 relinquished pursuant to this section may dispose of the
4 firearm twelve months from the date of proper notice to the
5 formerly restrained party of the intent to dispose of the
6 firearm, unless another person claiming to be the lawful
7 owner presents written proof of ownership. If the firearm
8 remains unclaimed after twelve months from the date of
9 notice, no party shall assert ownership and the law
10 enforcement agency may dispose of the firearm. For the
11 purposes of this subsection, "dispose" means to destroy a
12 firearm or sell or transfer the firearm to a federal firearms
13 licensee.

14 J. The provisions of this section shall not be
15 interpreted to require a federal firearms licensee to
16 purchase or accept possession of a firearm from a restrained
17 party.

18 K. The administrative office of the courts
19 shall develop a standard receipt form and declaration of
20 non-relinquishment form for use under this section."

21 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
22 provisions of this act is July 1, 2019. _____