

(2) UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, COSTS MAY BE SUBSEQUENTLY WAIVED OR ASSESSED AGAINST THE PETITIONER OR THE ABUSING HOUSEHOLD MEMBER.

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(A) IF A PETITION IS FILED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AND THE COURT DETERMINES THAT THE PETITIONER HAS DEMONSTRATED AN ABUSE OF A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, THE COURT MAY ENTER A TEMPORARY EX PARTE ORDER TO PROTECT THE PETITIONER OR ANOTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBER FROM ABUSE. THE ORDER SHALL BE SERVED IMMEDIATELY BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ON THE HOUSEHOLD MEMBER NAMED IN THE PETITION, AND THAT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD ON THE QUESTION OF CONTINUING THE TEMPORARY ORDER. NOTICE OF THE DATE OF THE HEARING SHALL BE CONTAINED IN THE ORDER, AND THIS HEARING SHALL BE HELD NOT LATER THAN 5 DAYS AFTER THE TEMPORARY ORDER IS ENTERED.

(B) IF THE COURT DETERMINES BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE ALLEGED ABUSE HAS OCCURRED, THE COURT MAY GRANT A PROTECTIVE ORDER TO STOP THE ABUSE OF THE HOUSEHOLD MEMBER. THE RELIEF GRANTED MAY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

(1) AN ORDER TO REFRAIN FROM ABUSING HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS;

(2) THE ORIGINAL ORDER MAY REQUIRE THE RESPONDENT TO VACATE THE FAMILY HOME AND GRANT TEMPORARY POSSESSION OF THE FAMILY HOME TO THE PETITIONER FOR UP TO 5 DAYS. IN NO EVENT MAY THE ORDER AND ANY EXTENSIONS EXCEED A TOTAL PERIOD OF 15 DAYS;

(3) AN AWARD OF TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF A MINOR;  
AND

(4) AN ORDER DIRECTING ANY OR ALL OF THE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROFESSIONALLY SUPERVISED COUNSELING PROGRAM.

(C) AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL STATE THAT A VIOLATION OF THE ORDER COULD RESULT IN A FINDING OF CONTEMPT AND INCARCERATION.

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A COPY OF ANY ORDER SHALL BE SERVED UPON ALL PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDINGS, AND THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

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ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES AN ORDER MAY BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.

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