

(b) (1) The court that issues an order under this subtitle may:

- (i) direct immediate service of the order; and
- (ii) reissue the order until service is effected.

(2) [The] EXCEPT IN A CASE OF ALLEGED CHILD ABUSE, THE court that issues an order under this subtitle may not reissue the order more than 15 days after the date of the petitioner's initial appearance.

(c) Return of service shall be filed with the court.

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(a) (1) The fact that a petitioner leaves the family home to avoid further abuse does not affect the petitioner's right to relief under this subtitle.

(2) IN A CASE OF ALLEGED CHILD ABUSE, THE FACT THAT A CHILD IS REMOVED FROM THE FAMILY HOME TO AVOID FURTHER ABUSE DOES NOT AFFECT THE CHILD'S RIGHT TO RELIEF UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(b) By proceeding under this subtitle, a petitioner, INCLUDING A PETITIONER WHO ACTS ON BEHALF OF A CHILD, is not limited or precluded from pursuing any other legal remedy.

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A person who violates an order to vacate the family home under this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding 60 days or both.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect upon or application to any case of alleged child abuse occurring prior to the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1985.

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