

CHAPTER 404

(House Bill 233)

AN ACT concerning

**Family Law — Domestic Violence — Dating Relationship
Courts and Judicial Proceedings — Peace Orders**

FOR the purpose of ~~providing that certain persons in a dating relationship are eligible for relief through a civil protective order and may file a petition for relief from abuse; defining a certain term; and generally relating to domestic violence; authorizing an individual to seek certain relief by filing with the court a petition that alleges the commission of any of certain acts against the individual by a respondent; requiring a petition to be under oath and specifying the contents of the petition; authorizing the address of a petitioner to be stricken or omitted from certain documents under certain circumstances; establishing a criminal penalty for knowingly providing false information in a petition; authorizing the court to issue a temporary peace order to protect a petitioner under certain circumstances; specifying the forms of relief in a temporary peace order; providing for the service of a temporary peace order; establishing the duration of a temporary peace order; authorizing a court to extend a temporary peace order under certain circumstances; granting a respondent an opportunity to be heard on the question of whether the court should issue a peace order; specifying the information that a temporary peace order must contain; requiring a peace order hearing to be held within a certain period of time, except under certain circumstances; authorizing the court to issue a peace order to protect the petitioner under certain circumstances; authorizing the court to issue mutual peace orders under certain circumstances; specifying the forms of relief in a peace order; providing for the service of a peace order; establishing the duration of a peace order; providing for the modification and rescission of a peace order; establishing certain appeal procedures; requiring a temporary peace order and peace order to state certain consequences of a violation; establishing a criminal penalty for a violation of certain provisions of a temporary peace order or peace order; requiring a law enforcement officer to make a certain arrest for a violation of a temporary peace order or peace order under certain circumstances; establishing that a petitioner is not limited to or precluded from pursuing other legal remedies except under certain circumstances; providing for the application of certain provisions of this Act; authorizing the Court of Appeals to adopt certain rules and forms; requiring the Court of Appeals to adopt a certain form and provide certain notice in the form; expanding the exclusive original civil jurisdiction of the District Court; defining certain terms; and generally relating to temporary peace orders and peace orders.~~

BY adding to

Article — Courts and Judicial ProceedingsSection 3-1501 through 3-1509, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 15. Peace Orders"