

Existing law relieves complainants seeking protection from certain acts of abuse from paying certain court costs associated with obtaining an order of protection.

New law retains existing law and adds a complainant seeking protection from dating violence to the enumerated list.

Existing law requires a judge to prepare a Uniform Abuse Prevention Order when granting certain restraining orders or injunctions prohibiting a person from harming a family or household member. Further requires the Uniform Abuse Prevention Order to be filed with the La. Protective Order Registry.

New law retains existing law and adds orders directing a person accused of stalking to refrain from abusing, harassing, or interfering with the victim of the stalking when the parties are strangers or acquaintances.

New law creates the Protection From Stalking Act and designates victims of stalking committed by a stranger or acquaintance as a person eligible to receive all applicable services, benefits, and other forms of assistance provided by the Protection From Family Violence Act, including a summary proceeding for obtaining a civil order of protection, maintenance of orders of protection against stalking in the La. Protective Order Registry, and assistance in completing the forms for application for the protective order.

Existing law establishes the crime of violation of a protective order and enumerates specific orders of protection for which a person against whom the order is directed may be prosecuted for violating the order.

New law adds violation of a protective order issued pursuant to proposed law as a crime under existing law.

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(Amends C.C.P. Arts. 3603.1(C)(1) and 3607.1, R.S. 14:79(A)(1)(a) and (E), and R.S. 46:2136.2(B); Adds R.S. 46:2171-2174)