

SENATE BILL No. 500

June 28, 2017, Introduced by Senators BIEDA, HERTEL, JONES, KNEZEK, ROCCA and ANANICH and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"
by amending section 2950 (MCL 600.2950), as amended by 2016 PA 296.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2950. (1) Except as provided in subsections (27) and
2 (28), by commencing an independent action to obtain relief under
3 this section, by joining a claim to an action, or by filing a
4 motion in an action in which the petitioner and the individual to
5 be restrained or enjoined are parties, an individual may petition
6 the family division of circuit court to enter a personal protection
7 order to restrain or enjoin a spouse, a former spouse, an
8 individual with whom he or she has had a child in common, an
9 individual with whom he or she has or has had a dating
10 relationship, or an individual residing or having resided in the
11 same household as the petitioner from doing 1 or more of the

1 following:

2 (a) Entering onto premises.

3 (b) Assaulting, attacking, beating, molesting, or wounding a
4 named individual.

5 (c) Threatening to kill or physically injure a named
6 individual.

7 (d) Removing minor children from the individual having legal
8 custody of the children, except as otherwise authorized by a
9 custody or parenting time order issued by a court of competent
10 jurisdiction.

11 (e) Purchasing or possessing a firearm.

12 (f) Interfering with petitioner's efforts to remove
13 petitioner's children or personal property from premises that are
14 solely owned or leased by the individual to be restrained or
15 enjoined.

16 (g) Interfering with petitioner at petitioner's place of
17 employment or education or engaging in conduct that impairs
18 petitioner's employment or educational relationship or environment.

19 (h) Having access to information in records concerning a minor
20 child of both petitioner and respondent that will inform respondent
21 about the address or telephone number of petitioner and
22 petitioner's minor child or about petitioner's employment address.

23 (i) Engaging in conduct that is prohibited under section 411h
24 or 411i of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.411h and
25 750.411i.

26 (j) Any of the following with the intent to cause the
27 petitioner mental distress or to exert control over the petitioner

1 with respect to an animal in which the petitioner has an ownership
2 interest:

3 (i) Injuring, killing, torturing, neglecting, or threatening
4 to injure, kill, torture, or neglect the animal. A restraining
5 order that enjoins conduct under this subparagraph does not
6 prohibit the lawful killing or other use of the animal as described
7 in section ~~50(11)~~ 50(12) of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,
8 MCL 750.50.

9 (ii) Removing the animal from the petitioner's possession.

10 (iii) Retaining or obtaining possession of the animal.

11 (k) Any other specific act or conduct that imposes upon or
12 interferes with personal liberty or that causes a reasonable
13 apprehension of violence.

14 (2) If the respondent is a person who is issued a license to
15 carry a concealed weapon and is required to carry a weapon as a
16 condition of his or her employment, a police officer licensed or
17 certified by the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards
18 act, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.601 to 28.615, a sheriff, a deputy sheriff
19 or a member of the Michigan department of state police, a local
20 corrections officer, department of corrections employee, or a
21 federal law enforcement officer who carries a firearm during the
22 normal course of his or her employment, the petitioner shall notify
23 the court of the respondent's occupation prior to the issuance of
24 the personal protection order. This subsection does not apply to a
25 petitioner who does not know the respondent's occupation.

26 (3) A petitioner may omit his or her address of residence from
27 documents filed with the court under this section. If a petitioner

1 omits his or her address of residence, the petitioner shall provide
2 the court with a mailing address.

3 (4) The court shall issue a personal protection order under
4 this section if the court determines that there is reasonable cause
5 to believe that the individual to be restrained or enjoined may
6 commit 1 or more of the acts listed in subsection (1). In
7 determining whether reasonable cause exists, the court shall
8 consider all of the following:

9 (a) Testimony, documents, or other evidence offered in support
10 of the request for a personal protection order.

11 (b) Whether the individual to be restrained or enjoined has
12 previously committed or threatened to commit 1 or more of the acts
13 listed in subsection (1).

14 (5) A court shall not issue a personal protection order that
15 restrains or enjoins conduct described in subsection (1)(a) if all
16 of the following apply:

17 (a) The individual to be restrained or enjoined is not the
18 spouse of the moving party.

19 (b) The individual to be restrained or enjoined or the parent,
20 guardian, or custodian of the minor to be restrained or enjoined
21 has a property interest in the premises.

22 (c) The moving party or the parent, guardian, or custodian of
23 a minor petitioner has no property interest in the premises.

24 (6) A court shall not refuse to issue a personal protection
25 order solely due to the absence of any of the following:

26 (a) A police report.

27 (b) A medical report.

1 (c) A report or finding of an administrative agency.

2 (d) Physical signs of abuse or violence.

3 (7) If the court refuses to grant a personal protection order,
4 it shall state immediately in writing the specific reasons it
5 refused to issue a personal protection order. If a hearing is held,
6 the court shall also immediately state on the record the specific
7 reasons it refuses to issue a personal protection order.

8 (8) A personal protection order may not be made mutual.
9 Correlative separate personal protection orders are prohibited
10 unless both parties have properly petitioned the court under
11 subsection (1).

12 (9) A personal protection order is effective and immediately
13 enforceable anywhere in this state when signed by a judge. Upon
14 service, a personal protection order may also be enforced by
15 another state, an Indian tribe, or a territory of the United
16 States.

17 (10) The court shall designate the law enforcement agency that
18 is responsible for entering the personal protection order into the
19 law enforcement information network as provided by the C.J.I.S.
20 policy council act, 1974 PA 163, MCL 28.211 to 28.215.

21 (11) A personal protection order must include all of the
22 following, and to the extent practicable the following ~~shall~~**MUST**
23 be contained in a single form:

24 (a) A statement that the personal protection order has been
25 entered to restrain or enjoin conduct listed in the order and that
26 violation of the personal protection order will subject the
27 individual restrained or enjoined to 1 or more of the following:

1 (i) If the respondent is 17 years of age or more, immediate
2 arrest and the civil and criminal contempt powers of the court, and
3 that if he or she is found guilty of criminal contempt, he or she
4 shall be imprisoned for not more than 93 days and may be fined not
5 more than \$500.00.

6 (ii) If the respondent is less than 17 years of age, immediate
7 apprehension or being taken into custody, and subject to the
8 dispositional alternatives listed in section 18 of chapter XIIA of
9 the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.18.

10 (iii) If the respondent violates the personal protection order
11 in a jurisdiction other than this state, the respondent is subject
12 to the enforcement procedures and penalties of the state, Indian
13 tribe, or United States territory under whose jurisdiction the
14 violation occurred.

15 (b) A statement that the personal protection order is
16 effective and immediately enforceable anywhere in this state when
17 signed by a judge, and that, upon service, a personal protection
18 order also may be enforced by another state, an Indian tribe, or a
19 territory of the United States.

20 (c) A statement listing the type or types of conduct enjoined.

21 (d) An expiration date stated clearly on the face of the
22 order.

23 (e) A statement that the personal protection order is
24 enforceable anywhere in Michigan by any law enforcement agency.

25 (f) The law enforcement agency designated by the court to
26 enter the personal protection order into the law enforcement
27 information network.

1 (g) For ex parte orders, a statement that the individual
2 restrained or enjoined may file a motion to modify or rescind the
3 personal protection order and request a hearing within 14 days
4 after the individual restrained or enjoined has been served or has
5 received actual notice of the order and that motion forms and
6 filing instructions are available from the clerk of the court.

7 (12) A court shall issue an ex parte personal protection order
8 without written or oral notice to the individual restrained or
9 enjoined or his or her attorney if it clearly appears from specific
10 facts shown by verified complaint, written motion, or affidavit
11 that immediate and irreparable injury, loss, or damage will result
12 from the delay required to effectuate notice or that the notice
13 will itself precipitate adverse action before a personal protection
14 order can be issued.

15 (13) A personal protection order issued under subsection (12)
16 is valid for not less than 182 days. The individual restrained or
17 enjoined may file a motion to modify or rescind the personal
18 protection order and request a hearing under the Michigan court
19 rules. The motion to modify or rescind the personal protection
20 order must be filed within 14 days after the order is served or
21 after the individual restrained or enjoined has received actual
22 notice of the personal protection order unless good cause is shown
23 for filing the motion after the 14 days have elapsed.

24 (14) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the
25 court shall schedule a hearing on the motion to modify or rescind
26 the ex parte personal protection order within 14 days after the
27 filing of the motion to modify or rescind. If the respondent is a

1 person described in subsection (2) and the personal protection
2 order prohibits him or her from purchasing or possessing a firearm,
3 the court shall schedule a hearing on the motion to modify or
4 rescind the ex parte personal protection order within 5 days after
5 the filing of the motion to modify or rescind.

6 (15) The clerk of the court that issues a personal protection
7 order shall do all of the following immediately upon issuance and
8 without requiring a proof of service on the individual restrained
9 or enjoined:

10 (a) File a true copy of the personal protection order with the
11 law enforcement agency designated by the court in the personal
12 protection order.

13 (b) Provide the petitioner with 2 or more true copies of the
14 personal protection order.

15 (c) If respondent is identified in the pleadings as a law
16 enforcement officer, notify the officer's employing law enforcement
17 agency, if known, about the existence of the personal protection
18 order.

19 (d) If the personal protection order prohibits respondent from
20 purchasing or possessing a firearm, notify the concealed weapon
21 licensing board in respondent's county of residence about the
22 existence and contents of the personal protection order.

23 (e) If the respondent is identified in the pleadings as a
24 department of corrections employee, notify the state department of
25 corrections about the existence of the personal protection order.

26 (f) If the respondent is identified in the pleadings as being
27 a person who may have access to information concerning the

1 petitioner or a child of the petitioner or respondent and that
2 information is contained in friend of the court records, notify the
3 friend of the court for the county in which the information is
4 located about the existence of the personal protection order.

5 (16) The clerk of the court shall inform the petitioner that
6 he or she may take a true copy of the personal protection order to
7 the law enforcement agency designated by the court under subsection
8 (10) to be immediately entered into the law enforcement information
9 network.

10 (17) The law enforcement agency that receives a true copy of
11 the personal protection order under subsection (15) or (16) shall
12 immediately and without requiring proof of service enter the
13 personal protection order into the law enforcement information
14 network as provided by the C.J.I.S. policy council act, 1974 PA
15 163, MCL 28.211 to 28.215.

16 (18) A personal protection order issued under this section
17 must be served personally or by registered or certified mail,
18 return receipt requested, delivery restricted to the addressee at
19 the last known address or addresses of the individual restrained or
20 enjoined or by any other manner provided in the Michigan court
21 rules. If the individual restrained or enjoined has not been
22 served, a law enforcement officer or clerk of the court who knows
23 that a personal protection order exists may, at any time, serve the
24 individual restrained or enjoined with a true copy of the order or
25 advise the individual restrained or enjoined about the existence of
26 the personal protection order, the specific conduct enjoined, the
27 penalties for violating the order, and where the individual

1 restrained or enjoined may obtain a copy of the order. If the
2 respondent is less than 18 years of age, the parent, guardian, or
3 custodian of that individual must also be served personally or by
4 registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivery
5 restricted to the addressee at the last known address or addresses
6 of the parent, guardian, or custodian of the individual restrained
7 or enjoined. A proof of service or proof of oral notice must be
8 filed with the clerk of the court issuing the personal protection
9 order. This subsection does not prohibit the immediate
10 effectiveness of a personal protection order or its immediate
11 enforcement under subsections (21) and (22).

12 (19) The clerk of the court shall immediately notify the law
13 enforcement agency that received the personal protection order
14 under subsection (15) or (16) if either of the following occurs:

15 (a) The clerk of the court has received proof that the
16 individual restrained or enjoined has been served.

17 (b) The personal protection order is rescinded, modified, or
18 extended by court order.

19 (20) The law enforcement agency that receives information
20 under subsection (19) shall enter the information or cause the
21 information to be entered into the law enforcement information
22 network as provided by the C.J.I.S. policy council act, 1974 PA
23 163, MCL 28.211 to 28.215.

24 (21) Subject to subsection (22), a personal protection order
25 is immediately enforceable anywhere in this state by any law
26 enforcement agency that has received a true copy of the order, is
27 shown a copy of it, or has verified its existence on the law

1 enforcement information network as provided by the C.J.I.S. policy
2 council act, 1974 PA 163, MCL 28.211 to 28.215.

3 (22) If the individual restrained or enjoined has not been
4 served, the law enforcement agency or officer responding to a call
5 alleging a violation of a personal protection order shall serve the
6 individual restrained or enjoined with a true copy of the order or
7 advise the individual restrained or enjoined about the existence of
8 the personal protection order, the specific conduct enjoined, the
9 penalties for violating the order, and where the individual
10 restrained or enjoined may obtain a copy of the order. The law
11 enforcement officer shall enforce the personal protection order and
12 immediately enter or cause to be entered into the law enforcement
13 information network that the individual restrained or enjoined has
14 actual notice of the personal protection order. The law enforcement
15 officer also shall file a proof of service or proof of oral notice
16 with the clerk of the court issuing the personal protection order.
17 If the individual restrained or enjoined has not received notice of
18 the personal protection order, the individual restrained or
19 enjoined shall be given an opportunity to comply with the personal
20 protection order before the law enforcement officer makes a
21 custodial arrest for violation of the personal protection order.
22 The failure to immediately comply with the personal protection
23 order is grounds for an immediate custodial arrest. This subsection
24 does not preclude an arrest under section 15 or 15a of chapter IV
25 of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 764.15 and
26 764.15a, or a proceeding under section 14 of chapter XIIA of the
27 probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.14.

1 (23) An individual who is 17 years of age or more and who
2 refuses or fails to comply with a personal protection order under
3 this section is subject to the criminal contempt powers of the
4 court and, if found guilty, shall be imprisoned for not more than
5 93 days and may be fined not more than \$500.00. An individual who
6 is less than 17 years of age and who refuses or fails to comply
7 with a personal protection order issued under this section is
8 subject to the dispositional alternatives listed in section 18 of
9 chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.18.
10 The criminal penalty provided for under this section may be imposed
11 in addition to a penalty that may be imposed for another criminal
12 offense arising from the same conduct.

13 (24) An individual who knowingly and intentionally makes a
14 false statement to the court in support of his or her petition for
15 a personal protection order is subject to the contempt powers of
16 the court.

17 (25) A personal protection order issued under this section is
18 also enforceable under chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939,
19 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.1 to 712A.32, and section 15b of chapter IV
20 of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 764.15b.

21 (26) A personal protection order issued under this section is
22 also enforceable under chapter 17.

23 (27) A court shall not issue a personal protection order that
24 restrains or enjoins conduct described in subsection (1) if any of
25 the following apply:

26 (a) The respondent is the unemancipated minor child of the
27 petitioner.

1 (b) The petitioner is the unemancipated minor child of the
2 respondent.

3 (c) The respondent is a minor child less than 10 years of age.

4 (28) If the respondent is less than 18 years of age, issuance
5 of a personal protection order under this section is subject to
6 chapter XIIIA of the probate code of 1939, 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.1
7 to 712A.32.

8 (29) A personal protection order that is issued before March
9 1, 1999 is not invalid on the ground that it does not comply with 1
10 or more of the requirements added by 1998 PA 477.

11 (30) For purposes of subsection (1)(j), a petitioner has an
12 ownership interest in an animal if 1 or more of the following are
13 applicable:

14 (a) The petitioner has a right of property in the animal.

15 (b) The petitioner keeps or harbors the animal.

16 (c) The animal is in the petitioner's care.

17 (d) The petitioner permits the animal to remain on or about
18 premises occupied by the petitioner.

19 (31) As used in this section:

20 (a) "Dating relationship" means frequent, intimate
21 associations primarily characterized by the expectation of
22 affectional involvement. Dating relationship does not include a
23 casual relationship or an ordinary fraternization between 2
24 individuals in a business or social context.

25 (b) "Federal law enforcement officer" means an officer or
26 agent employed by a law enforcement agency of the United States
27 government whose primary responsibility is the enforcement of laws

1 of the United States.

2 (c) "Neglect" means that term as defined in section 50 of the
3 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.50.

4 (d) "Personal protection order" means an injunctive order
5 issued by the circuit court or the family division of circuit court
6 restraining or enjoining activity and individuals listed in
7 subsection (1).

8 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
9 after the date it is enacted into law.

10 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect
11 unless Senate Bill No. 496

12 of the 99th Legislature is enacted into law.