

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the  
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

SENATE BILL NO. 2266  
(Senators W. Stenehjem, Watne)  
(Representatives Delmore, Hawken, Kretschmar)

AN ACT to create and enact a new subsection to section 14-07.1-13 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to domestic violence arrest procedures; and to amend and reenact subsections 4 and 8 of section 14-07.1-02, subsection 2 of section 14-07.1-03, and subsection 1 of section 29-06-15 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to domestic violence protection orders.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsections 4 and 8 of section 14-07.1-02 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

4. Upon a showing of actual or imminent domestic violence, the court may enter a protection order after due notice and full hearing. The relief provided by the court may include any or all of the following:
  - a. Restraining any party from threatening, molesting, injuring, harassing, or having contact with any other person.
  - b. Excluding either the respondent or any person with whom the respondent lives from the dwelling they share, from the residence of another person against whom the domestic violence is occurring, or from a domestic violence care facility, if this exclusion is necessary to the physical or mental well-being of the applicant or others.
  - c. Awarding temporary custody or establishing temporary visitation rights with regard to minor children.
  - d. Recommending or requiring that either or both parties undergo counseling with a domestic violence program or other agency that provides professional services that the court deems appropriate. The court may request a report from the designated agency within a time period established by the court. The costs of the court-ordered initial counseling assessment and subsequent reports must be borne by the parties or, if indigent, by the respondent's county of residence.
  - e. Requiring a party to pay such support as may be necessary for the support of a party and any minor children of the parties and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.
  - f. Awarding temporary use of personal property, including motor vehicles, to either party.
  - g. Requiring the respondent to surrender for safekeeping any firearm or other specified dangerous weapon, as defined in section 12.1-01-04, in the respondent's immediate possession or control or subject to the respondent's immediate control, if the court has probable cause to believe that the respondent is likely to use, display, or threaten to use the firearm or other dangerous weapon in any further acts of violence. If so ordered, the respondent shall surrender the firearm or other dangerous weapon to the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county in which the respondent resides or to the chief of police, or the chief's designee, of the city in which the respondent resides.
8. The petition for an order for protection must contain a statement listing each civil or criminal action ~~to which~~ involving both parties ~~were a party~~.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 14-07.1-03 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

2. An ex parte temporary protection order may include:
  - a. Restraining any party from having contact with or committing acts of domestic violence on another person.
  - b. Excluding the respondent or any person with whom the respondent lives from the dwelling they share, from the residence of another person, or from a domestic violence shelter care facility.
  - c. Awarding temporary custody or establishing temporary visitation rights with regard to minor children.
  - d. Requiring the respondent to surrender for safekeeping any firearm or other specified dangerous weapon, as defined in section 12.1-01-04, in the respondent's immediate possession or control or subject to the respondent's immediate control, if the court has probable cause to believe that the respondent is likely to use, display, or threaten to use the firearm or other dangerous weapon in any further acts of violence. If so ordered, the respondent shall surrender the firearm or other dangerous weapon to the sheriff, or the sheriff's designee, of the county in which the respondent resides or the chief of police, or the chief's designee, of the city in which the respondent resides.

**SECTION 3.** A new subsection to section 14-07.1-13 of the 1995 Supplement to the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

A law enforcement officer shall arrest a person without a warrant if the officer determines there is probable cause that the person has committed the offense of violating an order prohibiting contact under this section, whether or not the violation was committed in the presence of the officer. A law enforcement officer who acts in good faith on probable cause and without malice is immune from any civil or criminal liability for making an arrest under this subsection.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 29-06-15 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

1. A law enforcement officer, without a warrant, may arrest a person:
  - a. For a public offense, committed or attempted in the officer's presence; and for the purpose of this subdivision, a crime must be deemed committed or attempted in the officer's presence when what the officer observes through the officer's senses reasonably indicates to the officer that a crime was in fact committed or attempted in the officer's presence by the person arrested.
  - b. When the person arrested has committed a felony, although not in the officer's presence.
  - c. When a felony in fact has been committed, and the officer has reasonable cause to believe the person arrested to have committed it.
  - d. On a charge, made upon reasonable cause, of the commission of a felony by the party arrested.
  - e. For the public offenses, not classified as felonies and not committed in the officer's presence as provided for under section 29-06-15.1.
  - f. On a charge, made upon reasonable cause, of driving or being in actual physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic beverages.

- g. For the offense of violating a protection order under section 14-07.1-06, an order prohibiting contact under section 14-07.1-13, or for an assault involving domestic violence ~~pursuant to~~ under section 14-07.1-11.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2266.

Senate Vote:    Yeas    48        Nays    0        Absent    1

House Vote:    Yeas    74        Nays    16       Absent    7

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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Secretary of State