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AN ACT

To repeal sections 211.261, 452.410, 455.010, 455.032, 455.040, 455.045, 455.050, 455.513, 455.520, and 455.523, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof ten new sections relating to civil proceedings.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 211.261, 452.410, 455.010, 455.032,
2 455.040, 455.045, 455.050, 455.513, 455.520, and 455.523, RSMo,
3 are repealed and ten new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to
4 be known as sections 211.261, 452.410, 455.010, 455.032,
5 455.040, 455.045, 455.050, 455.513, 455.520, and 455.523, to
6 read as follows:

211.261. 1. An appeal shall be allowed to the child
2 from any final judgment, order or decree made under the
3 provisions of this chapter and may be taken on the part of
4 the child by its parent, guardian, legal custodian, spouse,
5 relative or next friend. An appeal shall be allowed to a
6 parent from any final judgment, order or decree made under
7 the provisions of this chapter which adversely affects him.
8 An appeal shall be allowed to the juvenile officer from any
9 final judgment, order or decree made under this chapter,
10 except that no such appeal shall be allowed concerning a

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

11 final determination pursuant to subdivision (3) of
12 subsection 1 of section 211.031. Notice of appeal shall be
13 filed within thirty days after the final judgment, order or
14 decree has been entered but neither the notice of appeal nor
15 any motion filed subsequent to the final judgment acts as a
16 supersedeas unless the court so orders.

17 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of
18 this section, an appeal shall be allowed to the:

19 (1) Juvenile officer from any order suppressing
20 evidence, a confession or an admission, in proceedings under
21 subdivision (3) of subsection 1 of section 211.031; **or**

22 (2) **Parent, guardian ad litem, or juvenile officer**
23 **from any order changing or modifying the placement of a**
24 **child.**

25 3. The appeal provided for in subsection 2 of this
26 section shall be an interlocutory appeal, filed in the
27 appropriate district of the Missouri court of appeals.
28 Notice of such interlocutory appeal shall be filed within
29 three days of the entry of the order of trial court; the
30 time limits applicable to such appeal shall be the same as
31 in interlocutory appeals allowed to the state in criminal
32 cases.

452.410. 1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of
2 this section, the court shall not modify a prior custody
3 decree unless it has jurisdiction under the provisions of
4 section [452.450] **452.745** and it finds, upon the basis of
5 facts that have arisen since the prior decree or that were
6 unknown to the court at the time of the prior decree, that a
7 change has occurred in the circumstances of the child or his
8 custodian and that the modification is necessary to serve
9 the best interests of the child. Notwithstanding any other
10 provision of this section or sections 452.375 and 452.400,

11 any custody order entered by any court in this state or any
12 other state [prior to August 13, 1984,] may, subject to
13 jurisdictional requirements, be modified to allow for joint
14 custody **or visitation only** in accordance with section
15 452.375, [without any further showing] **452.400, 452.402, or**
16 **452.403.**

17 2. If either parent files a motion to modify an award
18 of joint legal custody or joint physical custody, each party
19 shall be entitled to a change of judge as provided by
20 supreme court rule.

455.010. As used in this chapter, unless the context
2 clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms shall mean:

3 (1) "Abuse" includes but is not limited to the
4 occurrence of any of the following acts, attempts or threats
5 against a person who may be protected pursuant to this
6 chapter, except abuse shall not include abuse inflicted on a
7 child by accidental means by an adult household member or
8 discipline of a child, including spanking, in a reasonable
9 manner:

10 (a) **"Abusing a pet", purposely or knowingly causing,**
11 **attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical injury**
12 **to a pet with the intent to control, punish, intimidate, or**
13 **distress the petitioner;**

14 (b) "Assault", purposely or knowingly placing or
15 attempting to place another in fear of physical harm;

16 [(b)] (c) "Battery", purposely or knowingly causing
17 physical harm to another with or without a deadly weapon;

18 [(c)] (d) "Coercion", compelling another by force or
19 threat of force to engage in conduct from which the latter
20 has a right to abstain or to abstain from conduct in which
21 the person has a right to engage;

22 [(d)] (e) "Harassment", engaging in a purposeful or
23 knowing course of conduct involving more than one incident
24 that alarms or causes distress to an adult or child and
25 serves no legitimate purpose. The course of conduct must be
26 such as would cause a reasonable adult or child to suffer
27 substantial emotional distress and must actually cause
28 substantial emotional distress to the petitioner or child.
29 Such conduct might include, but is not limited to:

30 a. Following another about in a public place or places;
31 b. Peering in the window or lingering outside the
32 residence of another; but does not include constitutionally
33 protected activity;

34 [(e)] (f) "Sexual assault", causing or attempting to
35 cause another to engage involuntarily in any sexual act by
36 force, threat of force, duress, or without that person's
37 consent;

38 [(f)] (g) "Unlawful imprisonment", holding, confining,
39 detaining or abducting another person against that person's
40 will;

41 (2) "Adult", any person seventeen years of age or
42 older or otherwise emancipated;

43 (3) "Child", any person under seventeen years of age
44 unless otherwise emancipated;

45 (4) "Court", the circuit or associate circuit judge or
46 a family court commissioner;

47 (5) "Domestic violence", abuse or stalking committed
48 by a family or household member, as such terms are defined
49 in this section;

50 (6) "Ex parte order of protection", an order of
51 protection issued by the court before the respondent has
52 received notice of the petition or an opportunity to be
53 heard on it;

54 (7) "Family" or "household member", spouses, former
55 spouses, any person related by blood or marriage, persons
56 who are presently residing together or have resided together
57 in the past, any person who is or has been in a continuing
58 social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with
59 the victim, and anyone who has a child in common regardless
60 of whether they have been married or have resided together
61 at any time;

62 (8) "Full order of protection", an order of protection
63 issued after a hearing on the record where the respondent
64 has received notice of the proceedings and has had an
65 opportunity to be heard;

66 (9) "Order of protection", either an ex parte order of
67 protection or a full order of protection;

68 (10) "Pending", exists or for which a hearing date has
69 been set;

70 (11) **"Pet", a living creature maintained by a**
71 **household member for companionship and not for commercial**
72 **purposes;**

73 (12) "Petitioner", a family or household member who
74 has been a victim of domestic violence, or any person who
75 has been the victim of stalking or sexual assault, or a
76 person filing on behalf of a child pursuant to section
77 455.503 who has filed a verified petition pursuant to the
78 provisions of section 455.020 or section 455.505;

79 [(12)] **(13)** "Respondent", the family or household
80 member alleged to have committed an act of domestic
81 violence, or person alleged to have committed an act of
82 stalking or sexual assault, against whom a verified petition
83 has been filed or a person served on behalf of a child
84 pursuant to section 455.503;

85 [(13)] (14) "Sexual assault", as defined under
86 subdivision (1) of this section;

87 [(14)] (15) "Stalking" is when any person purposely
88 engages in an unwanted course of conduct that causes alarm
89 to another person, or a person who resides together in the
90 same household with the person seeking the order of
91 protection when it is reasonable in that person's situation
92 to have been alarmed by the conduct. As used in this
93 subdivision:

94 (a) "Alarm" means to cause fear of danger of physical
95 harm; and

96 (b) "Course of conduct" means [a pattern of conduct
97 composed of] two or more acts [over a period of time,
98 however short,] that [serves] **serve** no legitimate purpose[.
99 Such conduct may include, but is not limited to, following
100 the other person or unwanted communication or unwanted
101 contact] **including, but not limited to, acts in which the**
102 **stalker directly, indirectly, or through a third party**
103 **follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or**
104 **communicates to a person by any action, method, or device.**

 455.032. In addition to any other jurisdictional
2 grounds provided by law, a court shall have jurisdiction to
3 enter an order of protection restraining or enjoining the
4 respondent from committing or threatening to commit domestic
5 violence, stalking, sexual assault, molesting or disturbing
6 the peace of petitioner, **or abusing a pet**, pursuant to
7 sections 455.010 to 455.085, if the petitioner is present,
8 whether permanently or on a temporary basis within the state
9 of Missouri and if the respondent's actions constituting
10 domestic violence have occurred, have been attempted or have
11 been or are threatened within the state of Missouri. For
12 purposes of this section, if the petitioner has been the

13 subject of domestic violence within or outside of the state
14 of Missouri, such evidence shall be admissible to
15 demonstrate the need for protection in Missouri.

455.040. 1. **(1)** Not later than fifteen days after
2 the filing of a petition that meets the requirements of
3 section 455.020, a hearing shall be held unless the court
4 deems, for good cause shown, that a continuance should be
5 granted. At the hearing, if the petitioner has proved the
6 allegation of domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault
7 by a preponderance of the evidence, and the respondent
8 cannot show that his or her actions alleged to constitute
9 abuse were otherwise justified under the law, the court
10 shall issue a full order of protection for a period of time
11 the court deems appropriate, **and unless after an evidentiary**
12 **hearing the court makes specific written findings that the**
13 **respondent poses a serious danger to the physical or mental**
14 **health of the petitioner or of a minor household member of**
15 **the petitioner, [except that] the protective order shall be**
16 valid for at least one hundred eighty days and not more than
17 one year. **If, after an evidentiary hearing, the court makes**
18 **specific written findings that the respondent poses a**
19 **serious danger to the physical or mental health of the**
20 **petitioner or of a minor household member of the petitioner,**
21 **the protective order shall be valid for at least two years**
22 **and not more than ten years.**

23 **(2)** Upon motion by the petitioner, and after a hearing
24 by the court, the full order of protection may be renewed
25 **annually and** for a period of time the court deems
26 appropriate, **and unless the court at an evidentiary hearing**
27 **made specific written findings that the respondent poses a**
28 **serious danger to the physical or mental health of the**
29 **petitioner or of a minor household member of the petitioner,**

30 [except that] the **renewed** protective order **may be renewed**
31 **periodically and** shall be valid for at least one hundred
32 eighty days and not more than one year from the expiration
33 date of the [originally] **previously** issued full order of
34 protection. **If the court has made specific written findings**
35 **that the respondent poses a serious danger to the physical**
36 **or mental health of the petitioner or of a minor household**
37 **member of the petitioner, the renewed protective order may**
38 **be renewed periodically and shall be valid for at least two**
39 **years and up to the life of the respondent.**

40 (3) The court may, upon finding that it is in the best
41 interest of the parties, include a provision that any full
42 order of protection [for one year] shall **be** automatically
43 [renew] **renewed for any term of renewal of a full order of**
44 **protection as set forth in this section** unless the
45 respondent requests a hearing by thirty days prior to the
46 expiration of the order. If for good cause a hearing cannot
47 be held on the motion to renew or the objection to an
48 automatic renewal of the full order of protection prior to
49 the expiration date of the originally issued full order of
50 protection, an ex parte order of protection may be issued
51 until a hearing is held on the motion. When an automatic
52 renewal is not authorized, upon motion by the petitioner,
53 and after a hearing by the court, the second full order of
54 protection may be renewed for an additional period of time
55 the court deems appropriate, except that the protective
56 order shall be valid for [at least one hundred eighty days
57 and not more than one year] **any term of renewal of a full**
58 **order as set forth in this section.** For purposes of this
59 subsection, a finding by the court of a subsequent act of
60 domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault is not
61 required for a renewal order of protection.

62 (4) In determining under this section whether a
63 respondent poses a serious danger to the physical or mental
64 health of a petitioner or of a minor household member of the
65 petitioner, the court shall consider all relevant evidence
66 including, but not limited to:

67 (a) The weight of the evidence;

68 (b) The respondent's history of inflicting or causing
69 physical harm, bodily injury, or assault;

70 (c) The respondent's history of stalking or causing
71 fear of physical harm, bodily injury, or assault on the
72 petitioner or a minor household member of the petitioner;

73 (d) The respondent's criminal record;

74 (e) Whether any prior full orders of adult or child
75 protection have been issued against the respondent;

76 (f) Whether the respondent has been found guilty of
77 any dangerous felony under Missouri law; and

78 (g) Whether the respondent violated any term or terms
79 of probation or parole or violated any term of a prior full
80 or temporary order of protection and which violated terms
81 were intended to protect the petitioner or a minor household
82 member of the petitioner.

83 (5) If a court finds that a respondent poses a serious
84 risk to the physical or mental health of the petitioner or
85 of a minor household member of the petitioner, the court
86 shall not modify such order until a period of at least two
87 years from the date the original full order was issued and
88 only after the court makes specific written findings after a
89 hearing held that the respondent has shown proof of
90 treatment and rehabilitation and that the respondent no
91 longer poses a serious danger to the petitioner or to a
92 minor household member of the petitioner.

93 2. The court shall cause a copy of the petition and
94 notice of the date set for the hearing on such petition and
95 any ex parte order of protection to be served upon the
96 respondent as provided by law or by any sheriff or police
97 officer at least three days prior to such hearing. The
98 court shall cause a copy of any full order of protection to
99 be served upon or mailed by certified mail to the respondent
100 at the respondent's last known address. Notice of an ex
101 parte or full order of protection shall be served at the
102 earliest time, and service of such notice shall take
103 priority over service in other actions, except those of a
104 similar emergency nature. Failure to serve or mail a copy
105 of the full order of protection to the respondent shall not
106 affect the validity or enforceability of a full order of
107 protection.

108 3. A copy of any order of protection granted pursuant
109 to sections 455.010 to 455.085 shall be issued to the
110 petitioner and to the local law enforcement agency in the
111 jurisdiction where the petitioner resides. [The clerk shall
112 also issue a copy of any order of protection to the local
113 law enforcement agency responsible for maintaining the
114 Missouri uniform law enforcement system or any other
115 comparable law enforcement system the same day the order is
116 granted. The law enforcement agency responsible for
117 maintaining MULES shall, for purposes of verification,
118 within twenty-four hours from the time the order is
119 granted,] **The court shall provide all necessary information,**
120 **including the respondent's relationship to the petitioner,**
121 **for entry of the order of protection into the Missouri**
122 **Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES) and the National**
123 **Crime Information Center (NCIC). Upon receiving the order**
124 **under this subsection, the sheriff shall make the entry into**

125 **MULES within twenty-four hours. MULES shall forward the**
126 **order information to NCIC, which will in turn make the order**
127 **viewable within the National Instant Criminal Background**
128 **Check System (NICS). The sheriff shall** enter information
129 contained in the order, including, but not limited to, any
130 orders regarding child custody or visitation and all
131 specifics as to times and dates of custody or visitation
132 that are provided in the order. A notice of expiration or
133 of termination of any order of protection or any change in
134 child custody or visitation within that order shall be
135 issued to the local law enforcement agency [and to the law
136 enforcement agency responsible for maintaining] **for entry**
137 **into** MULES or any other comparable law enforcement system.
138 [The law enforcement agency responsible for maintaining the
139 applicable law enforcement system shall enter such
140 information in the system within twenty-four hours of
141 receipt of information evidencing such expiration or
142 termination.] The information contained in an order of
143 protection may be entered [in the Missouri uniform law
144 enforcement system] **into MULES** or **any other** comparable law
145 enforcement system using a direct automated data transfer
146 from the court automated system to the law enforcement
147 system.

148 4. The court shall cause a copy of any objection filed
149 by the respondent and notice of the date set for the hearing
150 on such objection to an automatic renewal of a full order of
151 protection for a period of one year to be personally served
152 upon the petitioner by personal process server as provided
153 by law or by a sheriff or police officer at least three days
154 prior to such hearing. Such service of process shall be
155 served at the earliest time and shall take priority over

156 service in other actions except those of a similar emergency
157 nature.

455.045. Any ex parte order of protection granted
2 pursuant to sections 455.010 to 455.085 shall be to protect
3 the petitioner from domestic violence, stalking, or sexual
4 assault and may include:

5 (1) Restraining the respondent from committing or
6 threatening to commit domestic violence, molesting,
7 stalking, sexual assault, or disturbing the peace of the
8 petitioner;

9 (2) Restraining the respondent from entering the
10 premises of the dwelling unit of petitioner when the
11 dwelling unit is:

12 (a) Jointly owned, leased or rented or jointly
13 occupied by both parties; or

14 (b) Owned, leased, rented or occupied by petitioner
15 individually; or

16 (c) Jointly owned, leased or rented by petitioner and
17 a person other than respondent; provided, however, no spouse
18 shall be denied relief pursuant to this section by reason of
19 the absence of a property interest in the dwelling unit; or

20 (d) Jointly occupied by the petitioner and a person
21 other than the respondent; provided that the respondent has
22 no property interest in the dwelling unit;

23 (3) Restraining the respondent from communicating with
24 the petitioner in any manner or through any medium;

25 (4) A temporary order of custody of minor children
26 where appropriate;

27 **(5) A temporary order of possession of pets where**
28 **appropriate.**

455.050. 1. Any full or ex parte order of protection
2 granted pursuant to sections 455.010 to 455.085 shall be to

3 protect the petitioner from domestic violence, stalking, or
4 sexual assault and may include such terms as the court
5 reasonably deems necessary to ensure the petitioner's
6 safety, including but not limited to:

7 (1) Temporarily enjoining the respondent from
8 committing or threatening to commit domestic violence,
9 molesting, stalking, sexual assault, or disturbing the peace
10 of the petitioner, **including violence against a pet;**

11 (2) Temporarily enjoining the respondent from entering
12 the premises of the dwelling unit of the petitioner when the
13 dwelling unit is:

14 (a) Jointly owned, leased or rented or jointly
15 occupied by both parties; or

16 (b) Owned, leased, rented or occupied by petitioner
17 individually; or

18 (c) Jointly owned, leased, rented or occupied by
19 petitioner and a person other than respondent; provided,
20 however, no spouse shall be denied relief pursuant to this
21 section by reason of the absence of a property interest in
22 the dwelling unit; or

23 (d) Jointly occupied by the petitioner and a person
24 other than respondent; provided that the respondent has no
25 property interest in the dwelling unit; or

26 (3) Temporarily enjoining the respondent from
27 communicating with the petitioner in any manner or through
28 any medium.

29 2. Mutual orders of protection are prohibited unless
30 both parties have properly filed written petitions and
31 proper service has been made in accordance with sections
32 455.010 to 455.085.

33 3. When the court has, after a hearing for any full
34 order of protection, issued an order of protection, it may,
35 in addition:

36 (1) Award custody of any minor child born to or
37 adopted by the parties when the court has jurisdiction over
38 such child and no prior order regarding custody is pending
39 or has been made, and the best interests of the child
40 require such order be issued;

41 (2) Establish a visitation schedule that is in the
42 best interests of the child;

43 (3) Award child support in accordance with supreme
44 court rule 88.01 and chapter 452;

45 (4) Award maintenance to petitioner when petitioner
46 and respondent are lawfully married in accordance with
47 chapter 452;

48 (5) Order respondent to make or to continue to make
49 rent or mortgage payments on a residence occupied by the
50 petitioner if the respondent is found to have a duty to
51 support the petitioner or other dependent household members;

52 (6) Order the respondent to pay the petitioner's rent
53 at a residence other than the one previously shared by the
54 parties if the respondent is found to have a duty to support
55 the petitioner and the petitioner requests alternative
56 housing;

57 (7) Order that the petitioner be given temporary
58 possession of specified personal property, such as
59 automobiles, checkbooks, keys, and other personal effects;

60 (8) Prohibit the respondent from transferring,
61 encumbering, or otherwise disposing of specified property
62 mutually owned or leased by the parties;

63 (9) Order the respondent to participate in a court-
64 approved counseling program designed to help batterers stop

65 violent behavior or to participate in a substance abuse
66 treatment program;

67 (10) Order the respondent to pay a reasonable fee for
68 housing and other services that have been provided or that
69 are being provided to the petitioner by a shelter for
70 victims of domestic violence;

71 (11) Order the respondent to pay court costs;

72 (12) Order the respondent to pay the cost of medical
73 treatment and services that have been provided or that are
74 being provided to the petitioner as a result of injuries
75 sustained to the petitioner by an act of domestic violence
76 committed by the respondent;

77 **(13) Award possession and care of any pet, along with**
78 **any moneys necessary to cover medical costs that may have**
79 **resulted from abuse of the pet.**

80 4. A verified petition seeking orders for maintenance,
81 support, custody, visitation, payment of rent, payment of
82 monetary compensation, possession of personal property,
83 prohibiting the transfer, encumbrance, or disposal of
84 property, or payment for services of a shelter for victims
85 of domestic violence, shall contain allegations relating to
86 those orders and shall pray for the orders desired.

87 5. In making an award of custody, the court shall
88 consider all relevant factors including the presumption that
89 the best interests of the child will be served by placing
90 the child in the custody and care of the nonabusive parent,
91 unless there is evidence that both parents have engaged in
92 abusive behavior, in which case the court shall not consider
93 this presumption but may appoint a guardian ad litem or a
94 court-appointed special advocate to represent the children
95 in accordance with chapter 452 and shall consider all other
96 factors in accordance with chapter 452.

97 6. The court shall grant to the noncustodial parent
98 rights to visitation with any minor child born to or adopted
99 by the parties, unless the court finds, after hearing, that
100 visitation would endanger the child's physical health,
101 impair the child's emotional development or would otherwise
102 conflict with the best interests of the child, or that no
103 visitation can be arranged which would sufficiently protect
104 the custodial parent from further domestic violence. The
105 court may appoint a guardian ad litem or court-appointed
106 special advocate to represent the minor child in accordance
107 with chapter 452 whenever the custodial parent alleges that
108 visitation with the noncustodial parent will damage the
109 minor child.

110 7. The court shall make an order requiring the
111 noncustodial party to pay an amount reasonable and necessary
112 for the support of any child to whom the party owes a duty
113 of support when no prior order of support is outstanding and
114 after all relevant factors have been considered, in
115 accordance with Missouri supreme court rule 88.01 and
116 chapter 452.

117 8. The court may grant a maintenance order to a party
118 for a period of time, not to exceed one hundred eighty
119 days. Any maintenance ordered by the court shall be in
120 accordance with chapter 452.

121 9. (1) The court may, in order to ensure that a
122 petitioner can maintain an existing wireless telephone
123 number or numbers, issue an order, after notice and an
124 opportunity to be heard, directing a wireless service
125 provider to transfer the billing responsibility for and
126 rights to the wireless telephone number or numbers to the
127 petitioner, if the petitioner is not the wireless service
128 accountholder.

129 (2) (a) The order transferring billing responsibility
130 for and rights to the wireless telephone number or numbers
131 to the petitioner shall list the name and billing telephone
132 number of the accountholder, the name and contact
133 information of the person to whom the telephone number or
134 numbers will be transferred, and each telephone number to be
135 transferred to that person. The court shall ensure that the
136 contact information of the petitioner is not provided to the
137 accountholder in proceedings held under this chapter.

138 (b) Upon issuance, a copy of the full order of
139 protection shall be transmitted, either electronically or by
140 certified mail, to the wireless service provider's
141 registered agent listed with the secretary of state, or
142 electronically to the email address provided by the wireless
143 service provider. Such transmittal shall constitute
144 adequate notice for the wireless service provider acting
145 under this section and section 455.523.

146 (c) If the wireless service provider cannot
147 operationally or technically effectuate the order due to
148 certain circumstances, the wireless service provider shall
149 notify the petitioner within three business days. Such
150 circumstances shall include, but not be limited to, the
151 following:

152 a. The accountholder has already terminated the
153 account;

154 b. The differences in network technology prevent the
155 functionality of a device on the network; or

156 c. There are geographic or other limitations on
157 network or service availability.

158 (3) (a) Upon transfer of billing responsibility for
159 and rights to a wireless telephone number or numbers to the
160 petitioner under this subsection by a wireless service

161 provider, the petitioner shall assume all financial
162 responsibility for the transferred wireless telephone number
163 or numbers, monthly service costs, and costs for any mobile
164 device associated with the wireless telephone number or
165 numbers.

166 (b) This section shall not preclude a wireless service
167 provider from applying any routine and customary
168 requirements for account establishment to the petitioner as
169 part of this transfer of billing responsibility for a
170 wireless telephone number or numbers and any devices
171 attached to that number or numbers including, but not
172 limited to, identification, financial information, and
173 customer preferences.

174 (4) This section shall not affect the ability of the
175 court to apportion the assets and debts of the parties as
176 provided for in law, or the ability to determine the
177 temporary use, possession, and control of personal property.

178 (5) No cause of action shall lie against any wireless
179 service provider, its officers, employees, or agents, for
180 actions taken in accordance with the terms of a court order
181 issued under this section.

182 (6) As used in this section and section 455.523, a
183 "wireless service provider" means a provider of commercial
184 mobile service under Section 332(d) of the Federal
185 Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 U.S.C. Section 151, et
186 seq.).

455.513. 1. The court may immediately issue an ex
2 parte order of protection upon the filing of a verified
3 petition under sections 455.500 to 455.538, for good cause
4 shown in the petition, and upon finding that:

5 (1) No prior order regarding custody involving the
6 respondent and the child is pending or has been made; or

7 (2) The respondent is less than seventeen years of age.

8 An immediate and present danger of domestic violence,
9 **including danger to the child's pet**, stalking, or sexual
10 assault to a child shall constitute good cause for purposes
11 of this section. An ex parte order of protection entered by
12 the court shall be in effect until the time of the hearing.
13 The court shall deny the ex parte order and dismiss the
14 petition if the petitioner is not authorized to seek relief
15 pursuant to section 455.505.

16 2. Upon the entry of the ex parte order of protection,
17 the court shall enter its order appointing a guardian ad
18 litem or court-appointed special advocate to represent the
19 child victim.

20 3. If the allegations in the petition would give rise
21 to jurisdiction under section 211.031, the court may direct
22 the children's division to conduct an investigation and to
23 provide appropriate services. The division shall submit a
24 written investigative report to the court and to the
25 juvenile officer within thirty days of being ordered to do
26 so. The report shall be made available to the parties and
27 the guardian ad litem or court-appointed special advocate.

28 4. If the allegations in the petition would give rise
29 to jurisdiction under section 211.031 because the respondent
30 is less than seventeen years of age, the court may issue an
31 ex parte order and shall transfer the case to juvenile court
32 for a hearing on a full order of protection. Service of
33 process shall be made pursuant to section 455.035.

 455.520. 1. Any ex parte order of protection granted
2 under sections 455.500 to 455.538 shall be to protect the
3 victim from domestic violence, **including danger to the**
4 **child's pet**, stalking, or sexual assault and may include

5 such terms as the court reasonably deems necessary to ensure
6 the victim's safety, including but not limited to:

7 (1) Restraining the respondent from committing or
8 threatening to commit domestic violence, stalking, sexual
9 assault, molesting, or disturbing the peace of the victim;

10 (2) Restraining the respondent from entering the
11 family home of the victim except as specifically authorized
12 by the court;

13 (3) Restraining the respondent from communicating with
14 the victim in any manner or through any medium, except as
15 specifically authorized by the court;

16 (4) A temporary order of custody of minor children;

17 **(5) A temporary order of possession of pets where**
18 **appropriate.**

19 2. No ex parte order of protection excluding the
20 respondent from the family home shall be issued unless the
21 court finds that:

22 (1) The order is in the best interests of the child or
23 children remaining in the home;

24 (2) The verified allegations of domestic violence
25 present a substantial risk to the child or children unless
26 the respondent is excluded; and

27 (3) A remaining adult family or household member is
28 able to care adequately for the child or children in the
29 absence of the excluded party.

455.523. 1. Any full order of protection granted
2 under sections 455.500 to 455.538 shall be to protect the
3 victim from domestic violence, **including danger to the**
4 **child's pet**, stalking, and sexual assault may include such
5 terms as the court reasonably deems necessary to ensure the
6 petitioner's safety, including but not limited to:

7 (1) Temporarily enjoining the respondent from
8 committing domestic violence or sexual assault, threatening
9 to commit domestic violence or sexual assault, stalking,
10 molesting, or disturbing the peace of the victim;

11 (2) Temporarily enjoining the respondent from entering
12 the family home of the victim, except as specifically
13 authorized by the court;

14 (3) Temporarily enjoining the respondent from
15 communicating with the victim in any manner or through any
16 medium, except as specifically authorized by the court.

17 2. When the court has, after hearing for any full
18 order of protection, issued an order of protection, it may,
19 in addition:

20 (1) Award custody of any minor child born to or
21 adopted by the parties when the court has jurisdiction over
22 such child and no prior order regarding custody is pending
23 or has been made, and the best interests of the child
24 require such order be issued;

25 (2) Award visitation;

26 (3) Award child support in accordance with supreme
27 court rule 88.01 and chapter 452;

28 (4) Award maintenance to petitioner when petitioner
29 and respondent are lawfully married in accordance with
30 chapter 452;

31 (5) Order respondent to make or to continue to make
32 rent or mortgage payments on a residence occupied by the
33 victim if the respondent is found to have a duty to support
34 the victim or other dependent household members;

35 (6) Order the respondent to participate in a court-
36 approved counseling program designed to help stop violent
37 behavior or to treat substance abuse;

38 (7) Order the respondent to pay, to the extent that he
39 or she is able, the costs of his or her treatment, together
40 with the treatment costs incurred by the victim;

41 (8) Order the respondent to pay a reasonable fee for
42 housing and other services that have been provided or that
43 are being provided to the victim by a shelter for victims of
44 domestic violence;

45 (9) Order a wireless service provider, in accordance
46 with the process, provisions, and requirements set out in
47 subdivisions (1) to (6) of subsection 9 of section 455.050,
48 to transfer the billing responsibility for and rights to the
49 wireless telephone number or numbers of any minor children
50 in the petitioner's care to the petitioner, if the
51 petitioner is not the wireless service accountholder;

52 **(10) Award possession and care of any pet, along with**
53 **any moneys necessary to cover medical costs that may have**
54 **resulted from abuse of the pet.**

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