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AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC AFFAIRS; ALLOWING ALLEGED VICTIMS OF  
DOMESTIC ABUSE TO OBTAIN RELEVANT PHOTOGRAPHS WITHOUT COST;  
AMENDING A SECTION OF THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 40-13-3.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws  
1995, Chapter 176, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"40-13-3.1. FORBEARANCE OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH  
DOMESTIC ABUSE OFFENSES.--

A. An alleged victim of domestic abuse shall not  
be required to bear the cost of:

(1) the prosecution of a misdemeanor or  
felony offense arising out of an incident of domestic abuse,  
including costs associated with filing a criminal charge  
against the alleged perpetrator of the abuse;

(2) the filing, issuance or service of a  
warrant;

(3) the filing, issuance or service of a  
witness subpoena;

(4) the filing, issuance or service of a  
petition for an order of protection;

(5) the filing, issuance or service of an  
order of protection; or

(6) obtaining law enforcement reports or

1 photographs or copies of photographs relating to the alleged  
2 abuse or pattern of abuse.

3 B. No witness fee shall be charged where  
4 prohibited by federal law." \_\_\_\_\_

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