

1 document being damaged or lost, or risk not having access to proper
2 documentation should assistance from law enforcement or emergency
3 services become necessary.

4 (3) Numerous other states including Oregon, Idaho, and Montana
5 have successfully implemented a solution by establishing hope card
6 programs. Hope cards are durable, laminated cards, similar in
7 construction to a driver's license, that contain the vital
8 information about a protection order that first responders need to
9 quickly verify its existence.

10 (4) Establishing a hope card program in Washington will not only
11 relieve protection order recipients of an unnecessary source of
12 frustration and stress, but also increase the effectiveness of these
13 crucial sources of safety and security for thousands of
14 Washingtonians.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 7.105
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) The administrative office of the courts shall develop a
18 program for the issuance of protection order hope cards in scannable
19 electronic format by superior and district courts. The administrative
20 office of the courts shall develop the program in collaboration with
21 the Washington state superior court judges' association, the
22 Washington state district and municipal court judges' association,
23 the Washington state association of county clerks, association of
24 Washington superior court administrators, district and municipal
25 court management association, and the Washington association of
26 sheriffs and police chiefs, and shall make reasonably feasible
27 efforts to solicit and incorporate input from appropriate stakeholder
28 groups, including representatives from victim advocacy groups, law
29 enforcement agencies, and the department of licensing.

30 (2)(a) A hope card must be in a scannable electronic format
31 including, but not limited to, a barcode, data matrix code, or a
32 quick response code, and must contain, without limitations, the
33 following:

34 (i) The restrained person's name, date of birth, sex, race, eye
35 color, hair color, height, weight, and other distinguishing features;

36 (ii) The protected person's name and date of birth and the names
37 and dates of birth of any minor children protected under the order;
38 and

1 (iii) Information about the protection order including, but not
2 limited to, the issuing court, the case number, the date of issuance
3 and date of expiration of the order, and the relevant details of the
4 order, including any locations from which the person is restrained.

5 (b) If feasible, the information stored in a scannable electronic
6 format and accessible through a barcode, data matrix code, or a quick
7 response code must include a digital record of the protection order
8 as entered and provide access to the entire case history, including
9 the petition for protection order, statement, declaration, temporary
10 order, hearing notice, and proof of service.

11 (3) Commencing on January 1, 2025, a person who has been issued a
12 valid full protection order may request a hope card from the clerk of
13 the issuing court at the time the order is entered or at any time
14 prior to the expiration of the order.

15 (4) A person requesting a hope card may not be charged a fee for
16 the issuance of an original and one duplicate hope card.

17 (5) A hope card has the same effect as the underlying protection
18 order.

19 (6) For the purposes of this section, "full protection order"
20 means a domestic violence protection order, a sexual assault
21 protection order, a stalking protection order, a vulnerable adult
22 protection order, or an antiharassment protection order, as defined
23 in this chapter.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect January 1, 2025.

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