

SENATE BILL No. 242

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-6-15.

Synopsis: Protection order card program. Authorizes the attorney general to establish a protection order card program to provide a person protected by a protection order with a wallet sized card containing information relating to the protection order.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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January 4, 2012, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-6-15 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2012]:

4 **Chapter 15. Protection Order Card Program**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "protected person" means a**
6 **petitioner who is protected by the terms of a protection order, or**
7 **a family member or household member of the petitioner.**

8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "protection order" has the**
9 **meaning set forth in IC 34-6-2-121.6. The term includes a foreign**
10 **protection order (as defined in IC 34-6-2-48.5) that is substantially**
11 **similar to a protection order described in IC 34-6-2-121.6.**

12 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "protection order card" means**
13 **a plastic or laminated wallet sized card that contains information**
14 **relating to a protection order, including information that relates to**
15 **the protected person and the respondent.**

16 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "respondent" means the**
17 **individual against whom the enforcement of a protection order is**



1 sought.

2 **Sec. 5. The attorney general may establish a protection order**
 3 **card program to issue a protection order card to a protected**
 4 **person.**

5 **Sec. 6. (a) The front of a protection order card issued under this**
 6 **chapter must include the respondent's:**

- 7 (1) photograph;
 8 (2) name;
 9 (3) date of birth;
 10 (4) sex;
 11 (5) race;
 12 (6) eye color;
 13 (7) hair color;
 14 (8) height;
 15 (9) weight;
 16 (10) distinguishing features, such as scars or tattoos; and
 17 (11) any other relevant information as determined by the
 18 attorney general.

19 **(b) The reverse of the card must include:**

- 20 (1) the protected person's:
 21 (A) name;
 22 (B) birth date;
 23 (C) sex;
 24 (D) race; and
 25 (E) height;
 26 (2) the cause number listed on the protection order;
 27 (3) the issuing court and county for the protection order;
 28 (4) the date the protection order was issued;
 29 (5) the expiration date of the protection order, if any; and
 30 (6) any other relevant information as determined by the
 31 attorney general.

32 **Sec. 7. The attorney general shall permit a protected person to**
 33 **apply for a protection order card:**

- 34 (1) electronically through the attorney general's Internet web
 35 site; and
 36 (2) by United States mail.

37 **Sec. 8. The attorney general shall enter into an agreement or**
 38 **memorandum of understanding with appropriate persons in each**
 39 **county, if necessary, to ensure that the protection order card**
 40 **program is available to residents of every county in Indiana. The**
 41 **attorney general shall take steps to publicize the program in each**
 42 **county.**

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1 **Sec. 9. The attorney general may accept a grant or donation to**
2 **operate the protection order card program.**

3 **Sec. 10. The attorney general may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2**
4 **to implement this chapter.**

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