

State Protection Order Registration Statutes

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About This Matrix:

This matrix contains information on registering/filing a protective order in different states, the federal district, and other U.S. jurisdictions. The matrix includes a column listing the different states and jurisdictions in alphabetical order and another column listing the specific state code or legal citation that outlines the procedures and criteria for registering a protective order from another jurisdiction within that particular state or territory. This matrix lists the process of registering a foreign protection order entitled to full faith and credit.

When a survivor obtains a valid protection order in a state, tribe, or territory, the protected individual can register the protection order in another jurisdiction. To register a protection order issued by one state in another state where the protected individual is traveling to, the survivor holding a protection order generally needs to present a certified copy of the protection order to the circuit court clerk or district court within the jurisdiction. The clerk will then update the foreign protection order in the state's law enforcement system or database. The protected individual will receive a certificate of successful registration.

Although registration of an out-of-state protection order may enhance enforceability, the statute does not require registration and is not a prerequisite for enforcement. Some jurisdictions (Arizona, Maryland, Michigan, and New Jersey) do not have a registration statute for foreign protection orders.

Affidavit for registering an out-of-state protection order

When registering a foreign protection order, 26 states require an affidavit by the protected individual stating that, to the best of the protected individual's knowledge, the order is currently in effect and has not been vacated or modified (Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virgin Islands, West Virginia).

Registration Fees

Registration of a foreign protection order is free of charge because VAWA provides that the petitioner should not bear the costs for filing a protection order.

Uncertified copy

States have different approaches to uncertified copies of protection orders. When the protected individual fails to present a certified copy, some states still allow that order to be registered if supported by an affidavit of a person with personal knowledge, subject to the penalties for perjury (e.g., Iowa, Minnesota). In Kentucky, the statute requires the clerk to request a certified copy from the original issuing state, while Florida relies on the discretion of the law enforcement officer to determine the validity.

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ALABAMA

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Ala. Code § 30-5B-5

Section 30-5B-5 - Registration of order.

- (a) Any individual may register a foreign protection order in this state. To register a foreign protection order, an individual shall present a certified copy of the order to any circuit or district court clerk in the state and complete an affidavit as provided in subsection (d).
- (b) The court clerk shall enter, as expeditiously as possible, all necessary information into the State Judicial Information System which shall be electronically transmitted by the Administrative Office of Courts to the Alabama Criminal Justice Information System. After the order is registered, a copy of the order stamped filed by the court clerk shall be provided by the clerk's office to the person registering the order.
- (c) The Criminal Justice Information Center, as Alabama's central registry of protection orders, shall enter, as expeditiously as possible, an order upon electronic submission from the State Judicial Information System of information concerning a valid protection order filed with a circuit or district court clerk. The Criminal Justice Information Center shall correct inaccurate information upon receipt of notice of inaccuracies or corrections, and shall remove from the registry protection orders not currently in effect.
- (d) An individual registering a foreign protection order shall file an affidavit by the protected individual stating that, to the best of the protected individual's knowledge, the order is currently in effect.
- (e) A foreign protection order registered under this chapter shall be entered by the State Judicial Information System, Criminal Justice Information System, and the National Crime Information Center in any existing state or federal registry of protection orders, in accordance with applicable law.
- (f) A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order.

ALASKA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Alaska Stat. § 18.66.140

Section 18.66.140 - Filing and enforcement of protective orders issued in other States.

- (a) A certified copy of an unexpired protective order issued in another jurisdiction may be filed with the clerk of court in any judicial district in this state.
- (b) A protective order issued in another jurisdiction has the same effect and must be recognized and enforced in the same manner as a protective order issued by a court of this state, regardless of whether the protective order issued in another jurisdiction is filed as described in (a) of this section, if the protective order is
- (1) issued by a court of the United States, a court of another state or territory, a United States military tribunal, or a tribal court;
 - (2) related to domestic violence; and
 - (3) entitled to full faith and credit under 18 U.S.C. 2265.

ARIZONA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

**ARIZ. REV. STAT. §
13-3602**

No statute

ARKANSAS

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Ark. Code Ann. § 9-15-302(d)

Section 9-15-302 - Full faith and credit. (d)

- (1)** A person seeking recognition and enforcement of an out-of-state order of protection under this section may present a copy of the order of protection to the local law enforcement office in the city or county where enforcement of the order may be necessary.
- (2)** After receiving a copy of the order of protection, the local law enforcement office shall enter the order into the Arkansas Crime Information Center's protection order registry file.
- (3)** There shall be no fee for entering the out-of-state order of protection.
- (4)** The law enforcement office shall not notify the party against whom the order has been issued that an out-of-state order of protection has been entered in this state.
- (5)** Entry of the out-of-state order of protection into the center's protection order registry file shall not be required for enforcement of the order of protection in this state.

CALIFORNIA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Cal. Fam. Code § 6404

Section 6404 – Registration of foreign protection order.

(a) A foreign protection order shall, upon request of the person in possession of the order, be registered with a court of this state in order to be entered in the California Restraining and Protective Order System established under Section 6380. The Judicial Council shall adopt rules of court to do the following:

- 1) Set forth the process whereby a person in possession of a foreign protection order may voluntarily register the order with a court of this state for entry into the California Restraining and Protective Order System.
- 2) Require the sealing of foreign protection orders and provide access only to law enforcement, the person who registered the order upon written request with proof of identification, the defense after arraignment on criminal charges involving an alleged violation of the order, or upon further order of the court.

(b) A fee shall not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order. The court clerk shall provide all Judicial Council forms required by this part to a person in possession of a foreign protection order free of charge.

COLORADO

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

**Colo. Rev. Stat. §
13-14-110 (3)**

Section 13-14-110: Foreign protection orders.

(3) Process. A person entitled to protection under a foreign protection order may, but is not required to, file such order in the district or county court by filing with such court a certified copy of such order, which must be entered into the central registry of protection orders created in section 18-6-803.7, C.R.S. The certified order must be accompanied by an affidavit in which the protected person affirms to the best of his or her knowledge that the order has not been changed or modified since it was issued. There shall be no filing fee charged. It is the responsibility of the protected person to notify the court if the protection order is subsequently modified.

CONNECTICUT

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 46b-15a (f)-(g)

Section 46b-15a – Foreign order of protection. Full faith and credit. Enforcement. Affirmative defense. Child custody provision. Registration.

(f) A foreign order of protection may be registered in this state by sending to the Superior Court in this state: (1) A letter or other document requesting registration; (2) two copies, including one certified copy, of the foreign order of protection sought to be registered and a statement under penalty of perjury that, to the best of the knowledge and belief of the petitioner, the order has not been modified; and (3) the name and address of the person seeking registration, except if the disclosure of such name and address would jeopardize the safety of such person.

(g) On receipt of the documents required in subsection (f) of this section, the registering court shall: (1) Cause the foreign order of protection to be filed as a foreign judgment, together with one copy of any accompanying documents and information, regardless of their form; and (2) cause the foreign order of protection to be entered in the automated registry of protective orders maintained pursuant to section 51-5c, together with any accompanying information required or permitted to be contained in the registry of protective orders pursuant to the procedures adopted by the Chief Court Administrator under section 51-5c.

DELAWARE

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Del. Code Ann. tit. 10 § 1049D

Section 1049D – Registration of order.

- (a)** Any individual may register a foreign protection order in this State. To register a foreign protection order an individual shall present a certified copy of the order to the Court.
- (b)** Upon receipt of a foreign protection order, the Court shall register the order in accordance with this section. After the order is registered, the Court shall furnish to the individual registering the order a certified copy of the registered order.
- (c)** The Court shall register an order upon presentation of a copy of a protection order which has been certified by the issuing State. A registered foreign protection order that is inaccurate or is not currently in effect must be corrected or removed from the registry in accordance with the law of this State.
- (d)** An individual registering a foreign protection order shall file an affidavit by the protected individual stating that to the best of the protected individual's knowledge, the order is currently in effect.
- (e)** A foreign protection order registered under this part may be entered in any existing state or federal registry of protection orders in accordance with applicable law.
- (f)** A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

D.C. Code §16-1044

Section 16-1044 – Registration of order.

- (a) The Superior Court of the District of Columbia is authorized, subject to appropriations, to create a registry in the District of Columbia for foreign protection orders and protection orders issued in the District of Columbia.
- (b) Any individual may register a foreign protection order in the District. To register a foreign protection order, an individual shall:
- (1) Present a certified copy of the order to the Superior Court; and
 - (2) File an affidavit by the protected individual stating that, to the best of the protected individual's knowledge, the order is currently in effect.
- (c) When a registry is created pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, upon receipt of a foreign protection order, the Superior Court shall register the order in accordance with this section. After the order is registered, the Superior Court shall furnish to the individual registering the order a certified copy of the registered order. The Superior Court shall not notify or require notification of the respondent that the protection order has been registered in the District unless requested to do so by the party protected by the order.
- (d) The Superior Court shall register an order upon presentation of a copy of a protection order that has been certified by the issuing State. A registered foreign protection order that is inaccurate or is not currently in effect shall be corrected or removed from the registry in accordance with the law of the District.
- (e) A foreign protection order registered under this subchapter may be entered in any existing state or federal registry of protection orders, in accordance with applicable law.
- (f) A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order, nor may a fee be charged for service of a foreign order in the District of Columbia.

FLORIDA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Fla. Stat. Ann. § 741.315

Section 741.315 - Recognition of foreign protection orders.

(3) Notwithstanding s.55.505 or any other provision to the contrary, neither residence in this state nor registration of foreign injunctions for protection shall be required for enforcement of this order by this state and failure to register the foreign order shall not be an impediment to its enforcement. The following registration procedure shall be available to protected persons who hold orders from a court of a foreign state.

(a) A protected person shall present a certified copy of a foreign order of protection to any sheriff in this state and request that the same be registered in the injunction registry. However, nothing in this section shall operate to preclude the enforcement of any order of protection determined by the law enforcement officer to be valid even if the protected person does not have a certified copy of the foreign protection order. It is not necessary that the protected person register the foreign order in the protected person's county of residence. Venue is proper throughout the state. The protected person must swear by affidavit, that to the best of the protected person's knowledge and belief, the attached certified copy of the foreign order, docket number _____, issued in the state of _____ on _____ is currently in effect as written and has not been superseded by any other order and that the respondent has been given a copy of it.

(b) The sheriff shall examine the certified copy of the foreign order and register the order in the injunction registry, noting that it is a foreign order of protection. If not apparent from the face of the certified copy of the foreign order, the sheriff shall use best efforts to ascertain whether the order was served on the respondent. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement shall develop a special notation for foreign orders of protection. The sheriff shall assign a case number and give the protected person a receipt showing registration of the foreign order in this state. There shall be no fee for registration of a foreign order.

(c) The foreign order may also be registered by local law enforcement agencies upon receipt of the foreign order and any accompanying affidavits in the same manner described in paragraphs (a) and (b).

GEORGIA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Ga. Code Ann. § 19-13-54

Section 19-13-54 – Foreign protective orders.

- (a) A petitioner who obtains a foreign protective order may file that order by filing a certified copy of the foreign protective order with any clerk of court of the superior court in this state.
- (b) Filing shall be without fee or cost.
- (c) The clerk of court shall provide the petitioner with a receipt bearing proof of submission of the foreign protective order for entry in the registry.
- (d) The clerk of court shall transmit to the registry a copy of the foreign protective order in the same manner as provided in Code Section 19-13-53.
- (e) Foreign protective orders shall not be required to be contained on a standardized form or forms in order to be entered in the registry.
- (f) Filing and registry of the foreign protective order in the registry shall not be prerequisites for enforcement of the foreign protective order in this state.

HAWAII

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Haw. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 586-23

Section 586-23 – Filing of foreign protective order.

A certified copy of a foreign protective order, accompanied by a sworn affidavit that the order remains in effect and has not been vacated or modified, may be filed with the court; provided that no filing fee shall be required. Filing of a foreign protective order with the court shall not be required for enforcement of the foreign protective order in this State.

IDAHO

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Idaho Code § 39-6306A (5)

Section 39-6306A - Uniform interstate enforcement of domestic violence protection orders act.

(5) Registration of Order.

- (a) Any individual may register a foreign protection order in this state pursuant to section 39-6311, Idaho Code. To register a foreign protection order, an individual shall present a copy of a protection order which has been certified by the issuing state to a court of this state in order to be entered in the Idaho law enforcement telecommunications system pursuant to section 39-6311, Idaho Code.
- (b) An individual registering a foreign protection order shall file with the court an affidavit by the protected individual stating that, to the best of the protected individual's knowledge, the order is currently in effect.
- (c) A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order.
- (d) A foreign protection order registered under this section may be entered in any existing state or federal registry of protection orders, in accordance with applicable law.

ILLINOIS

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

750 Ill. Comp. Stat.
Ann. 60/222.5

Section 222.5 - Filing an order of protection issued in another state or other jurisdiction.

(a) A person entitled to protection under an order of protection issued by the court of another state, tribe, or United States territory or military judge may file a certified copy of the order of protection with the clerk of the court in a judicial circuit in which the person believes that enforcement may be necessary.

(a-5) The Illinois National Guard shall file a certified copy of any military order of protection with the clerk of the court in a judicial circuit in which the person entitled to protection resides or if the person entitled to protection is not a State resident, in a judicial circuit in which it is believed that enforcement may be necessary.

(b) The clerk shall:

(1) treat the foreign order of protection, including, but not limited to, an order of protection issued by a military judge, in the same manner as a judgment of the circuit court for any county of this State in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act [735 ILCS 5/12-650 et. seq.], except that the clerk shall not mail notice of the filing of the foreign order to the respondent named in the order; and

(2) on the same day that a foreign order of protection is filed, file a certified copy of that order with the sheriff or other law enforcement officials charged with maintaining Illinois State Police records as set forth in Section 222 of this Act [750 ILCS 60/222].

(c) Neither residence in this State nor filing of a foreign order of protection, including, but not limited to, an order of protection issued by a military judge, shall be required for enforcement of the order by this State. Failure to file the foreign order shall not be an impediment to its treatment in all respects as an Illinois order of protection.

(d) The clerk shall not charge a fee to file a foreign order of protection under this Section.

(e) The sheriff shall inform the Illinois State Police as set forth in Section 302 of this Act [750 ILCS 60/302].

INDIANA

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STATE CODE PROVISION

Ind. Code Ann. § 34-26-5-17(e)

Section 34-26-5-17 – Foreign protection orders.

(e) Registration or filing of a foreign protection order is not a prerequisite to enforcement of the order in Indiana, and a protection order that is consistent with this section shall be accorded full faith and credit notwithstanding a failure to register or file the order in Indiana. However, if a petitioner wishes to register a foreign protection order in Indiana, all Indiana courts of record shall accommodate the request. The office of judicial administration shall develop a form to be used by courts, clerks, and law enforcement agencies when a petitioner makes a request to register a foreign protection order. Except for a protective order issued to the Indiana protective order registry established by IC 5-2-9-5.5, the courts, clerks of the courts, and sheriffs or law enforcement agencies maintaining depositories shall employ the same procedures required under IC 5-2-9-6 for entering, modifying, extending, or terminating a foreign protection order as those used for a protection order and a no contact order originating in Indiana.

IOWA

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STATE CODE PROVISION

Iowa Code § 236.19 (2)-(5)

Section 236.19 Foreign protective orders — registration — enforcement.

2. A certified or authenticated copy of a permanent foreign protective order may be filed with the clerk of the district court in any county that would have venue if the original action was being commenced in this state or in which the person in whose favor the order was entered may be present.
 - a. The clerk shall file foreign protective orders that are not certified or authenticated, if supported by an affidavit of a person with personal knowledge, subject to the penalties for perjury. The person protected by the order may provide this affidavit.
 - b. The clerk shall provide copies of the order as required by section 236.5, except that notice shall not be provided to the respondent without the express written direction of the person in whose favor the order was entered.
3.
 - a. A valid foreign protective order has the same effect and shall be enforced in the same manner as a protective order issued in this state whether or not filed with a clerk of court or otherwise placed in a registry of protective orders.
 - b. A foreign protective order is valid if it meets all of the following:
 - (1) The order states the name of the protected individual and the individual against whom enforcement is sought.
 - (2) The order has not expired.
 - (3) The order was issued by a court or tribunal that had jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter under the law of the foreign jurisdiction.
 - (4) The order was issued in accordance with the respondent's due process rights, either after the respondent was provided with reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard before the court or tribunal that issued the order, or in the case of an ex parte order, the respondent was granted notice and opportunity to be heard within a reasonable time after the order was issued.
 - c. Proof that a foreign protective order failed to meet all of the factors listed in paragraph "b" shall be an affirmative defense in any action seeking enforcement of the order.
4. A peace officer shall treat a foreign protective order as a valid legal document and shall make an arrest for a violation of the foreign protective order in the same manner that a peace officer would make an arrest for a violation of a protective order issued within this state.

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- a.** The fact that a foreign protective order has not been filed with the clerk of court or otherwise placed in a registry shall not be grounds to refuse to enforce the terms of the order unless it is apparent to the officer that the order is invalid on its face.
 - b.** A peace officer acting reasonably and in good faith in connection with the enforcement of a foreign protective order shall be immune from civil and criminal liability in any action arising in connection with such enforcement.
- 5.** Filing and service costs in connection with foreign protective orders are waived as provided in section 236.3.

KANSAS

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Kan. Stat. Ann. § 60-31b05

Section 60-31b05. Registration of order.

- (a) Any individual may, but is not required, to register a foreign protection order in this state. To register a foreign protection order, an individual shall present a certified copy of the order to the sheriff in the county where the protection order will be enforced. Pursuant to K.S.A. 60-3112, and amendments thereto, the sheriff shall contact the issuing jurisdiction to verify the order and request that such jurisdiction enter the order, if it has not already been entered, into the national criminal information center and other appropriate databases.
- (b) A fee shall not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order.
- (c) No sheriff's department accepting or registering a foreign protection order under this section may notify or require notification of the party against whom the protection order was filed of its filing or registration unless the individual protected by the protection order requests that the sheriff's department do so and the respondent has not already been notified of such filing or registration.

KENTUCKY

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

**Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. §
403.7527**

Section 403.7527. Filing foreign protective order and affidavit — Certification by issuing court official — Entry into Law Information Network of Kentucky.

(1) A copy of a foreign protective order may be filed in the office of the clerk of any court of competent jurisdiction of this state. A foreign protective order so filed shall have the same effect and shall be enforced in the same manner as an order of protection issued by a court of this state.

(2)

(a) At the time of the filing of the foreign protective order, the person filing the order shall file with the clerk of the court an affidavit on a form prescribed and provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts. The affidavit shall set forth the name, city, county, and state or other jurisdiction of the issuing court. The person shall certify in the affidavit the validity and status of the foreign protective order, and attest to the person's belief that the order has not been amended, rescinded, or superseded by any orders from a court of competent jurisdiction. All foreign protective orders presented with a completed and signed affidavit shall be accepted and filed.

(b) The affidavit signed by the applicant shall have space where the reviewing judge shall place information necessary to allow the order's entry into the Law Information Network of Kentucky in the same manner as a Kentucky order.

(3)

(a) If the person seeking to file the order presents a copy of the foreign order which is current by the terms of the order and has been certified by the clerk or other authorized officer of the court which issued it, the circuit clerk shall present it to the District Judge or Circuit Judge, who shall read the order and enter on the affidavit the information necessary to allow the order's entry into the Law Information Network of Kentucky. The order shall not be subject to further verification and shall be accepted as authentic, current, and subject to full faith and credit.

(b) If the order presented is current by the terms of the order but is not certified in the manner specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the circuit clerk shall present the order and the affidavit to the District Judge or Circuit Judge, who shall read the order and enter on the affidavit the information necessary to allow the order's entry into the Law Information Network of Kentucky. The order shall be subject to full faith and credit in the same manner as a Kentucky order of protection, but shall be subject to verification by the circuit clerk. The order shall be valid for a period of fourteen (14) days and may be renewed once for a period of fourteen (14) days if the circuit clerk has not received a certified copy of the order from the issuing

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jurisdiction. The clerk shall treat the foreign protective order in the same manner as an order of protection issued pursuant to KRS 403.740 , except that no service on the adverse party shall be required pursuant to 18 U.S.C. sec. 2265

(c) Upon the filing of an uncertified foreign protective order, the circuit clerk shall, within two (2) business days, contact the issuing court to request a certified copy of the order. If the certified copy of the order is received by the circuit clerk within the initial fourteen (14) day period, the clerk shall cause the information that certification has been received to be entered into the Law Information Network of Kentucky and shall notify the applicant for the order of the fact of its certification. A facsimile copy of a certified foreign protective order shall be grounds for the issuance of an order of protection.

(d) If the clerk has not received a certified copy of the foreign protective order within ten (10) days, the clerk shall notify the court and the applicant that the order has not been received. The notice to the applicant, on a form prepared by the Administrative Office of the Courts, shall state that the foreign protective order will be extended for another fourteen (14) days, but will be dismissed at the expiration of that time. If the clerk informs the judge in writing that the certified foreign protective order has been requested but has not yet been received, the judge shall extend the foreign protective order for a period of fourteen (14) days. If certification of the foreign protective order is not received within twenty-eight (28) days, the foreign protective order shall expire and shall not be reissued. If the applicant meets the qualifications for the issuance of a Kentucky domestic violence order, the court may, upon proper application and showing of evidence, issue a Kentucky order in accordance with this chapter.

(4) The right of a person filing a foreign protective order to bring an action to enforce the order instead of proceeding under this chapter remains unimpaired.

LOUISIANA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

**La. Stat. Ann. § 13
:4248**

Section 13:4248. Foreign protective orders.

- A.** A copy of any foreign protective order authenticated in accordance with an act of congress or the statutes of this state may be annexed to and filed with an ex parte petition praying that the protective order be made executory in this state. The address of the petitioner may remain confidential with the court.
- B.** At an ex parte hearing, the court shall make the protective order executory in this state, cause to have prepared a Uniform Abuse Prevention Order, as provided in R.S. 46:2136.2(C), shall sign such order, and shall forward it to the clerk of court for filing, all without delay.
- C.** The clerk of the issuing court shall transmit the order to the Louisiana Protective Order Registry, R.S. 46:2136.2(A), by facsimile transmission, mail, or direct electronic input, where available. The order shall be mailed and transmitted as expeditiously as possible, but no later than the end of the next business day after the order is filed with the clerk of court.

MAINE

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

**Me. Stat. Ann. tit. 14,
§§ 8003 8006**

Section § 8003 - Filing and status of foreign judgments.

A copy of any foreign judgment authenticated in accordance with the Act of Congress or the statutes of this State may be filed in the office of the clerk of any District Court or of any Superior Court of this State. The clerk shall treat the foreign judgment in the same manner as a judgment of the District Court or Superior Court of this State. A judgment so filed has the same effect and is subject to the same procedures, defenses and proceedings for reopening, vacating or staying as a judgment of the District Court or the Superior Court of this State and may be enforced or satisfied in like manner.

Section 8006- Fees

1. Filing a foreign judgment. Except as provided in subsection 2, a person filing a foreign judgment shall pay to the clerk of courts the fee then provided for the entry of an action. Fees for docketing, transcription or other enforcement proceedings are as provided for judgments of the District Court or Superior Court.
2. Exception. A fee may not be charged for the registration, docketing, transcription or other enforcement proceedings of a foreign judgment or order that qualifies as a protection order as defined by 18 United States Code, Section 2266 or is the equivalent of a protection from abuse order under Title 19-A, Part 4 or a protection from harassment order under Title 5, chapter 337-A.

MARYLAND

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

No registration statute.

Form to request to register out-of-state order for protection available here:

<http://www.courts.state.md.us/courtforms/joint/ccdcdv016.pdf>

MASSACHUSETTS

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Mass. Ann. Laws ch. 209A § 5A(5)

Section 209A, Section 5A - Protection Orders Issued By Another Jurisdiction.

Any protection order issued by another jurisdiction, as defined in section one, shall be given full faith and credit throughout the commonwealth and enforced as if it were issued in the commonwealth for as long as the order is in effect in the issuing jurisdiction.

A person entitled to protection under a protection order issued by another jurisdiction may file such order in the superior court department or the Boston municipal court department or any division of the probate and family or district court departments by filing with the court a certified copy of such order which shall be entered into the statewide domestic violence record keeping system established pursuant to the provisions of section seven of chapter one hundred and eighty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and ninety-two and maintained by the office of the commissioner of probation. Such person shall swear under oath in an affidavit, to the best of such person's knowledge, that such order is presently in effect as written. Upon request by a law enforcement agency, the register or clerk of such court shall provide a certified copy of the protection order issued by the other jurisdiction.

A law enforcement officer may presume the validity of, and enforce in accordance with section six, a copy of a protection order issued by another jurisdiction which has been provided to the law enforcement officer by any source; provided, however, that the officer is also provided with a statement by the person protected by the order that such order remains in effect. Law enforcement officers may rely on such statement by the person protected by such order.

MICHIGAN

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

**Mich. Comp. Laws
Serv. § 600.2950l**

No statute

MINNESOTA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

**Minn. Stat. §
518B.01, Subd.
19a(b)-(e), (i), (k)**

Section 518B.01 Subd. 19a. - Entry and enforcement of foreign protective orders.

- (b)** A person for whom a foreign protection order has been issued or the issuing court or tribunal may provide a certified or authenticated copy of a foreign protective order to the court administrator in any county that would have venue if the original action was being commenced in this state or in which the person in whose favor the order was entered may be present, for filing and entering of the same into the state order for protection database.
- (c)** The court administrator shall file and enter foreign protective orders that are not certified or authenticated, if supported by an affidavit of a person with personal knowledge, subject to the penalties for perjury. The person protected by the order may provide this affidavit.
- (d)** The court administrator shall provide copies of the order as required by this section.
- (e)** A valid foreign protective order has the same effect and shall be enforced in the same manner as an order for protection issued in this state whether or not filed with a court administrator or otherwise entered in the state order for protection database.
- (i)** The fact that a foreign protective order has not been filed with the court administrator or otherwise entered into the state order for protection database shall not be grounds to refuse to enforce the terms of the order unless it is apparent to the officer that the order is invalid on its face.
- (k)** Filing and service costs in connection with foreign protective orders are waived

MISSISSIPPI

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Miss. Code Ann. § 93-22-9

Section 93-22-9 - Registration of order.

- (1) It is not required that any foreign protection order be registered in Mississippi; however, any individual may register a foreign protection order in this state on behalf of the individual or any protected person. To register a foreign protection order, an individual shall present a certified copy of the order to the chancery clerk's office of any county in this state.
- (2) Upon presentation of a protection order, the chancery clerk shall enter the order into the Mississippi Protection Order Registry as provided in Section 93-21-25.
- (3) At the time of registration, an individual registering a foreign protection order shall file an affidavit by the protected individual that, to the best of the individual's knowledge, the order is in effect at the time of the registration.
- (4) The failure to register a foreign protection order pursuant to the provisions of this section shall have no effect on the validity or enforceability of the order by Mississippi law enforcement or courts.

MISSOURI

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Mo. Rev. Stat. § 455.067

Section 455.067 - Foreign order of protection to be given full faith and credit — registration of order, content, procedure.

- 1.** Any order of protection issued by any other state, tribe, territory or possession of the United States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the District of Columbia shall be given full faith and credit throughout the state in all courts, and by all law enforcement officials and agencies, and all public officials and shall be enforceable in the same manner as any order of protection issued by a court in this state.
- 2.** A person entitled to protection under a foreign order of protection as described in subsection 1 of this section may file a certified copy of the foreign order of protection and an affidavit or sworn statement from the petitioner that the copy of the foreign order is a true and accurate copy and has not been altered in the circuit court having jurisdiction. If the foreign order of protection terminates prior to the expiration date on the order, the petitioner shall notify the circuit court. A foreign order of protection as described in subsection 1 of this section shall be enforceable in this state so long as it is in effect in the issuing state.
- 3.** Filing of the foreign order of protection shall be without fee or cost.
- 4.** Registration and a Missouri court order recognizing a foreign order of protection shall not be required for the enforcement of a certified foreign order of protection in this state.

MONTANA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Mont. Code Ann. § 40-15-405

Section 40-15-405 Registration of order.

- (1) Any individual may register a foreign protection order in this state. To register a foreign protection order, an individual shall:

 - (a) present a certified copy of the order to the department of justice; or
 - (b) present a certified copy of the order to a clerk of any court or to any local law enforcement agency and request that the order be registered with the department of justice.
- (2) Upon receipt of a foreign protection order, the department of justice shall register the order in accordance with this section. After the order is registered, the department of justice shall furnish to the individual registering the order a certified copy of the registered order.
- (3) The department of justice shall register an order upon presentation of a copy of a protection order that has been certified by the issuing state. A registered foreign protection order that is inaccurate or is not currently in effect must be corrected or removed from the registry in accordance with the law of this state.
- (4) An individual registering a foreign protection order shall file an affidavit by the protected individual stating that, to the best of the protected individual's knowledge, the order is currently in effect.
- (5) A foreign protection order registered under this part must be entered into the database of the national crime information center of the United States department of justice and may be entered in any existing state or other federal registry of protection orders, in accordance with applicable law.
- (6) A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order.

NEBRASKA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

NEB. REV. STAT. ANN. § 42-936

Section 42-936. Registration of order.

- (a) Any individual may register a foreign protection order in this state. To register a foreign protection order, an individual shall:
- (1) present a certified copy of the order to the Nebraska State Patrol for the registration of such orders; or
 - (2) present a certified copy of the order to another agency designated by the state and request that the order be registered with the Nebraska State Patrol.
- (b) Upon receipt of a foreign protection order, the agency responsible for the registration of such orders shall register the order in accordance with this section. After the order is registered, the responsible agency shall furnish to the individual registering the order a certified copy of the registered order.
- (c) The agency responsible for the registration of foreign protection orders shall register an order upon presentation of a copy of a protection order which has been certified by the issuing state. A registered foreign protection order that is inaccurate or is not currently in effect shall be corrected or removed from the registry in accordance with the law of this state.
- (d) An individual registering a foreign protection order shall file an affidavit by the protected individual stating that, to the best of the protected individual's knowledge, the order is currently in effect.
- (e) A foreign protection order registered under the Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act may be entered in any existing state or federal registry of protection orders, in accordance with applicable law.
- (f) A fee shall not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order.

NEVADA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 33.090

Section 33.090 - Order from another jurisdiction: Registration in this State; duties of court clerk; prohibition against notification of adverse party by clerk; no charge for registration, certified copy or service.

1. A person may register an order for protection against domestic violence issued by the court of another state, territory or Indian tribe within the United States or a Canadian domestic-violence protection order by presenting a certified copy of the order to the clerk of a court of competent jurisdiction in a judicial district in which the person believes that enforcement may be necessary.

2. The clerk of the court shall:

- (a)** Maintain a record of each order registered pursuant to this section;
- (b)** Provide the protected party with a copy of the order registered pursuant to this section bearing proof of registration with the court;
- (c)** Forward, by conventional or electronic means, by the end of the next business day, a copy of an order registered pursuant to this section to the appropriate law enforcement agency which has jurisdiction over the residence, school, child care facility or other provider of child care, or place of employment of the protected party or the child of the protected party; and
- (d)** Inform the protected party upon the successful transfer of information concerning the registration to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History as required pursuant to NRS33.095.

3. The clerk of the court shall not:

- (a)** Charge a fee for registering an order or for providing a certified copy of an order pursuant to this section.
 - (b)** Notify the party against whom the order has been made that an order for protection against domestic violence issued by the court of another state, territory or Indian tribe has been registered in this State.
- 4.** A person who registers an order pursuant to this section must not be charged to have the order served in this State.
- 5.** As used in this section, “Canadian domestic-violence protection order” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 33.119.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

**N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. §
172-B:13(IV)**

Section 173-B:13 - Orders Enforceable.

IV. A person entitled to protection under a foreign protective order, as defined in paragraph II, may file such order in any circuit court by filing with the court a certified copy of the order. Such person shall swear under oath in an affidavit to the best of such person's knowledge that the order is presently in effect as written. Such filing shall be without fee or cost. The clerk of the circuit court shall forward such order to the administrative office of the courts which shall enter such order in the state database. Such filing shall not be a precondition to arrest or enforcement of a foreign order.

NEW JERSEY

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

No registration statute, but see

[The State of New Jersey Domestic Violence Procedures Manual \(2022\)](#) IX – Full Faith and Credit of Out of State Orders.

C. New Jersey Law and Procedure

2. Process

The victim (plaintiff) who elects to register an out-of-state restraining order will present the order at a county Family Division Intake Domestic Violence Unit. The plaintiff will complete a Confidential Victim Information Sheet and complete an Out-of-State certification form.

The Domestic Violence Unit will review the order, certification and Confidential Victim Information Sheet. The staff member will call the issuing court immediately or within one business day. The staff member will send by facsimile or e-mail the order and certification form to the issuing court and request confirmation of the order as presented by return fax. The Family Division Manager or the Domestic Violence Team Leader may review the contact with the issuing court to resolve questions concerning confirmation. Upon confirmation, the staff member will complete the bottom of the certification form which will allow for the establishment and docketing of the case on family division electronic case management system. Staff will refer to the system instructions to docket the case on the family electronic case management system. Upon completion of case establishment, the order will be stamped with a statement confirming that it has been verified and registered as of the case establishment date and providing the New Jersey docket number. The victim/plaintiff will be provided with the order, a copy sent to the police departments identified by the plaintiff, and a copy placed or uploaded into the Family Division file that was created when the system assigned the New Jersey number as part of the registration process.

The Attorney General's guidelines to law enforcement officers state that the registration of an order is not required to enforce the order.

The Division of Criminal Justice has assured that Full Faith and Credit will be emphasized in all police training to continue protection of all victims, regardless of whether they have sought the additional assurance of recording their out-of-state order with New Jersey.

The State of New Jersey Domestic Violence Procedures Manual (2022) contains procedures for registering an out-of-state order in sections 7.3 -7.4

NEW MEXICO

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

N.M. Stat. Ann. § 40-13A-5

Section 40-13A-5. Registration of foreign protection order.

A. A person may register a foreign protection order in New Mexico. To register a foreign protection order, a person shall present to the clerk of the district court:

- (1)** a copy of the foreign protection order that has been certified by the issuing tribunal; and
- (2)** an affidavit by the protected individual stating that, to the best of the protected individual's knowledge, the foreign protection order is currently in effect.

B. The clerk shall register the foreign protection order in accordance with this section. After the foreign protection order is registered, the clerk shall furnish to the person registering the order a certified copy of the registered order and shall send a copy of the registered order to the local law enforcement agency. The clerk shall not notify the respondent that the foreign protection order has been registered in New Mexico unless requested to do so by the protected individual.

C. A registered foreign protection order that is inaccurate or is not currently in effect shall be corrected or removed from the tribunal's records in accordance with New Mexico law.

D. A foreign protection order registered under the Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act [40-13A-1 NMSA 1978] may be entered in any state or federal registry of protection orders in accordance with applicable law.

E. A fee shall not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order.

NEW YORK

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

N.Y. Fam. Law § 154-e

Section 154-e. Orders of protection; filing and enforcement of out-of-state orders.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of article fifty-four of the civil practice law and rules, an order of protection or temporary order of protection issued by a court of competent jurisdiction in another state, territorial or tribal jurisdiction, accompanied by a sworn affidavit that upon information and belief such order is in effect as written and has not been vacated or modified, may be filed without fee with the clerk of the family court, who shall transmit information regarding such order to the statewide registry of orders of protection and warrants established pursuant to section two hundred twenty-one-a of the executive law; provided, however, that such filing and registry entry shall not be required for enforcement of the order.

NORTH CAROLINA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 50B-4

Section 50B-4. Enforcement of orders.

- (d) A valid protective order entered by the courts of another state or the courts of an Indian tribe shall be accorded full faith and credit by the courts of North Carolina whether or not the order has been registered and shall be enforced by the courts and the law enforcement agencies of North Carolina as if it were an order issued by a North Carolina court. In determining the validity of an out-of-state order for purposes of enforcement, a law enforcement officer may rely upon a copy of the protective order issued by another state or the courts of an Indian tribe that is provided to the officer and on the statement of a person protected by the order that the order remains in effect. Even though registration is not required, a copy of a protective order may be registered in North Carolina by filing with the clerk of superior court in any county a copy of the order and an affidavit by a person protected by the order that to the best of that person's knowledge the order is presently in effect as written. Notice of the registration shall not be given to the defendant. Upon registration of the order, the clerk shall promptly forward a copy to the sheriff of that county. Unless the issuing state has already entered the order, the sheriff shall provide for prompt entry of the order into the National Crime Information Center registry pursuant to G.S. 50B-3(d).
- (e) Upon application or motion by a party to the court, the court shall determine whether an out-of-state order remains in full force and effect.
- (f) The term "valid protective order," as used in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, shall include an emergency or ex parte order entered under this Chapter.

NORTH DAKOTA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

N.D. Cent. Code § 14-07.4-04

Section 14-07.4-04 - Registration of order.

- 1.** Any individual may register a foreign protection order in this state. To register a foreign protection order, an individual shall present a certified copy of the order to any clerk of district court in this state.
- 2.** Upon receipt of a protection order, the clerk of district court shall register the order in accordance with this section. After the order is registered, the clerk of district court shall furnish to the individual registering the order a certified copy of the registered order. If a foreign order is registered, the clerk of district court shall transmit a copy of the order to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- 3.** The clerk of district court shall register an order upon presentation of a copy of a protection order which has been certified by the issuing state. A registered foreign protection order which is inaccurate or is not currently in effect shall be corrected or removed from the registry in accordance with the law of this state.
- 4.** An individual registering a foreign protection order shall file an affidavit by the protected individual that, to the best of the individual's knowledge, the order is currently in effect.
- 5.** A foreign protection order registered under this chapter may be entered in any existing state or federal registries of protection orders, in accordance with state or federal law.
- 6.** A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order or the correction or removal of a foreign protection order.

OHIO

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Ohio Rev. Code Ann.
§ 2919.272(B)-(E)**Section § 2919.272 - Registration and filing of out-of-state protection order.**

(B) A person who has obtained a protection order issued by a court of another state may provide notice of the issuance of the order to judicial and law enforcement officials in any county of this state by registering the order in that county and filing a copy of the registered order with a law enforcement agency in that county. To register the order, the person shall obtain a certified copy of the order from the clerk of the court that issued the order and present that certified copy to the clerk of the court of common pleas or the clerk of a municipal court or county court in the county in which the order is to be registered. Upon accepting the certified copy of the order for registration, the clerk shall place an endorsement of registration on the order and give the person a copy of the order that bears proof of registration. The person then may file with a law enforcement agency in that county a copy of the order that bears proof of registration.

(C) The clerk of each court of common pleas and the clerk of each municipal court and county court shall maintain a registry of certified copies of protection orders issued by courts of another state that have been registered with the clerk. Each law enforcement agency shall establish and maintain a registry for protection orders delivered to the agency pursuant to this section. The agency shall note in the registry the date and time that the agency received an order.

(D) An officer of a law enforcement agency shall enforce a protection order issued by a court of another state in accordance with the provisions of the order, including removing the person allegedly violating the order from the premises, regardless of whether the order is registered as authorized by division (B) of this section in the county in which the officer's agency has jurisdiction.

(E)

(1) Subject to division (E)(2) of this section and regardless of whether a protection order is issued or a consent agreement is approved by a court of another county or a court of another state, no court or unit of state or local government shall charge a person who registers and files an order any fee, cost, deposit, or money in connection with the filing, issuance, registration, modification, enforcement, dismissal, withdrawal, or service of a protection order, consent agreement, or witness subpoena or for obtaining a certified copy of a protection order or consent agreement, including a protection order issued by a court of another state.

(2) Regardless of whether a protection order is issued or a consent agreement is approved pursuant to this section, the court may assess costs against the person who is subject to a registered and filed order in connection with the filing, issuance, registration, modification, enforcement, dismissal, withdrawal, or service of a protection order, consent agreement, or witness subpoena or for obtaining a certified copy of a protection order or consent agreement.

OKLAHOMA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

**OKLA. STAT. ANN. tit.
22 § 60.25**

Section 60.25 - Registration of Foreign Protection Orders.

- A.** Any individual may register a foreign protection order in this state. To register a foreign protection order, an individual shall:
- 1.** Present a certified copy of the order to the Secretary of State; or
 - 2.** Present a certified copy of the order to a law enforcement officer and request that the order be registered with the Secretary of State.
- B.** Upon receipt of a foreign protection order, the Secretary of State shall register the order in accordance with this section. After the order is registered, the Secretary of State shall furnish to the individual registering the order a certified copy of the registered order.
- C.** The Secretary of State shall register an order upon presentation of a copy of a protection order which has been certified by the issuing state. A registered foreign protection order that is inaccurate or is not currently in effect must be corrected or removed from the registry in accordance with the law of this state.
- D.** An individual registering a foreign protection order shall file an affidavit by the protected individual stating that, to the best of the protected individual's knowledge, the order is currently in effect.
- E.** A foreign protection order registered under this act may be entered in any existing state or federal registry of protection orders, in accordance with applicable law.
- F.** A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order.

OREGON

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

**Or. Rev. Stat. §
24.190(3),(5)-(7)**

**Section 24.190 - Foreign restraining orders.
(3)**

(a) A person may present a copy of a foreign restraining order to a county sheriff for entry into the Law Enforcement Data System maintained by the Department of State Police. Subject to paragraph (b) of this subsection, and after promptly verifying the validity of the foreign restraining order and that the person restrained by the order has been personally served with a copy of the order or has actual notice of the order, the county sheriff shall enter the order into the Law Enforcement Data System and the National Crime Information Center of the United States Department of Justice. Entry into the Law Enforcement Data System or the National Crime Information Center constitutes notice to all law enforcement agencies of the existence of the restraining order. Law enforcement agencies shall establish procedures adequate to ensure that an officer at the scene of an alleged violation of the order may be informed of the existence and terms of the order. The order is fully enforceable as an Oregon order in any county or tribal land in this state.

(b) The Department of State Police shall specify information that is required for a foreign restraining order to be entered into the Law Enforcement Data System.

(c) As used in this subsection, “personal service” and “actual notice” include alternative forms of service or notice that are permitted by the issuing jurisdiction to constitute service or notice.

(5) ORS 24.115, 23.125, 24.129, 24.135, 24.140, 24.150, and 24.155 do not apply to a foreign restraining order.

(6) A person protected by a foreign restraining order, or a person acting on behalf of a person protected by a foreign restraining order, may file a certified copy of the order and proof of service in the office of the clerk of any circuit court of any county of this state. A judgment or order filed under this subsection has the same effect and is subject to the same procedures, defenses and proceedings for reopening, vacating or staying as a judgment or order of the circuit court in which the foreign judgment or order is filed, and may be enforced or satisfied in like manner. The court may not collect a filing fee for a filing under this subsection.

(7) This state or a local governmental agency, or a law enforcement officer, prosecuting attorney, clerk of the court or any state or local governmental official acting in an official capacity, is immune from civil and criminal liability for an act arising out of the registration, entry or enforcement of a foreign restraining order or the detention or arrest of an alleged violator of a foreign restraining order if the act was done in good faith and without malice in an effort to comply with state and federal law.

PENNSYLVANIA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

P.R. Laws Ann. tit. 8 § 674 (e)

Section § 6104. Full faith and credit and foreign protection orders.

(d) Filing a foreign protection order. — A plaintiff may file a certified copy of a foreign protection order with the prothonotary in any county within this Commonwealth where the plaintiff believes enforcement may be necessary. The following provisions shall apply:

- (1)** No costs or fees associated with filing a foreign protection order shall be assigned to the plaintiff, including the cost of obtaining certified copies of the order. Costs and fees associated with filing a foreign protection order may be assessed against the defendant.
- (2)** Upon filing of a foreign protection order, a prothonotary shall transmit, in a manner prescribed by the Pennsylvania State Police, a copy of the order to the Pennsylvania State Police registry of protection orders.
- (3)** Filing of a foreign protection order shall not be a prerequisite for service and enforcement.

(e) Orders issued in another judicial district within this Commonwealth. — The filing of an order issued in another judicial district within this Commonwealth is not required for enforcement purposes.

RHODE ISLAND

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

R.I. Gen. Laws § 12-29-1.1(b)

Section 12-29-1.1. Full faith and credit.

(b) A person entitled to protection under a protective order issued by another jurisdiction may file the order in the superior court, family court, or district court by filing with the court a certified copy of the order which shall be entered into the restraining order, no contact order system (R.O.N.C.O.). The person shall swear under oath in an affidavit, to the best of the person's knowledge, that the order is presently in effect as written. A law enforcement officer shall presume the validity of the order and enforce the order issued by another jurisdiction which has been provided to the law enforcement officer; provided, that the officer is also provided with a statement by the person protected by the order that the order remains in effect. Law enforcement officers shall rely on the statement by the person protected by the order.

SOUTH CAROLINA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

S.C. Code Ann. § 20-4-350

Section 20-4-350 - Registration; presentation to family court; affidavit of currency; entry in state or federal registry; fee.

- (A) Any individual may register a foreign protection order in this State. To register a foreign protection order, an individual shall present a certified copy of the order to the family court.
- (B) Upon receipt of a foreign protection order, the family court shall register the order in accordance with this section. After the order is registered, the family court shall furnish to the individual registering the order a certified copy of the registered order.
- (C) The family court shall register an order upon presentation of a copy of a protection order, which has been certified by the issuing state. A registered foreign protection order that is inaccurate or is not currently in effect must be corrected or removed from the registry in accordance with the law of this State.
- (D) An individual registering a foreign protection order shall file an affidavit by the protected individual in the family court stating that, to the best of the protected individual's knowledge, the order is currently in effect.
- (E) A foreign protection order registered under this article may be entered in any existing state or federal registry of protection orders, in accordance with applicable law.
- (F) A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order.

SOUTH DAKOTA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

S.D. Codified laws § 25-10-12.2

Section 25-10-12.2. Foreign domestic violence protection order — Filing with circuit court clerk — Entry in law enforcement protection order database.

Any person entitled to protection under a foreign domestic violence protection order may file the foreign order in the office of any clerk of a circuit court in this state. The person filing the foreign order shall also file with the clerk of a circuit court an affidavit certifying the validity and status of the order and attesting to the person's belief that the order has not been amended, rescinded, or superseded by any orders from a court of competent jurisdiction. If a foreign order is filed under this section, the clerk of a circuit court shall enter the order in the law enforcement protection order database. Filing of a foreign order under this section is not a prerequisite to the order's enforcement in this state. No fee may be assessed for filing the foreign order.

TENNESSEE

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

TENN. CODE ANN. § 36-3-622 (c)-(g)

Section 36-3-622 - Out-of-state protection orders.

(c) A petitioner may present a certified copy of a foreign order of protection to a court having jurisdiction of orders of protection in the county in which the petitioner believes enforcement may be necessary. The clerk of such court shall receive the certified copies of any foreign order of protection and any supporting documents used to show the validity of such order and shall maintain such orders, along with any submitted documents. No costs, fees or taxes shall be charged by the clerks for this service. If an enforcement action is instituted in the court pursuant to any such order, the clerk shall file the order and shall otherwise treat the enforcement action as a case, except that all court costs, fees and litigation taxes shall be taxed by the judge at the adjudication of the enforcement action. It shall be a defense to any action taken for the enforcement of such order that the order is not valid as provided in subsection (b) or (d). No person shall present a foreign order of protection to a clerk that the person knows to no longer be in effect. A foreign order of protection shall continue in effect for the period of time specified in the order, and, if no time limitation is so specified, then the order shall continue in effect for a period of one (1) year from the date on which it is first presented to a Tennessee court pursuant to subsection (c); provided, that a continuation of any such order may be granted by the court subject to the requirements set forth in § 36-3-605.

(d) A protection order entered against both the petitioner and respondent shall not be enforceable against the petitioner in a foreign jurisdiction unless:

- (1)** The respondent filed a cross- or counter-petition, or a complaint or other written pleading was filed seeking such a protection order; and
- (2)** The issuing court made specific findings of domestic or family violence against the petitioner.

(e) The clerk shall be under no obligation to make a determination as to the validity of such orders or documentation, but shall forward a copy of the foreign protection order and any supporting documentation filed with the order to the local police or sheriff's office, as provided for in § 36-3-609.

(f) Upon request, the clerk shall provide a copy of the order to the person offering the same showing proof of receipt by the clerk's office.

TENNESSEE

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

(g) Regardless of whether a foreign order of protection has been filed in this state pursuant to this section, a law enforcement officer may rely upon a copy of any such protection order that has been provided to the officer by any source and may also rely upon the statement of any person protected by a foreign order that the order remains in effect. A law enforcement officer acting in good faith shall be immune from civil and criminal liability in any action in connection with a court's finding that the foreign order was for any reason not enforceable.

TEXAS

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

**Tex. Fam. Code Ann.
§ 88.005**

Section 88.005. Registration of Order.

- (a) An individual may register a foreign protective order in this state. To register a foreign protective order, an individual shall:
- (1) present a certified copy of the order to a sheriff, constable, or chief of police responsible for the registration of orders in the local computer records and in the statewide law enforcement system maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety; or
 - (2) present a certified copy of the order to the Department of Public Safety and request that the order be registered in the statewide law enforcement system maintained by the Department of Public Safety.
- (b) On receipt of a foreign protective order, the agency responsible for the registration of protective orders shall register the order in accordance with this section and furnish to the individual registering the order a certified copy of the registered order.
- (c) The agency responsible for the registration of protective orders shall register a foreign protective order on presentation of a copy of a protective order that has been certified by the issuing state. A registered foreign protective order that is inaccurate or not currently in effect shall be corrected or removed from the registry in accordance with the law of this state.
- (d) An individual registering a foreign protective order shall file an affidavit made by the protected individual that, to the best of the protected individual's knowledge, the order is in effect.
- (e) A foreign protective order registered under this section may be entered in any existing state or federal registry of protective orders, in accordance with state or federal law.
- (f) A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protective order.

UTAH

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

UTAH CODE ANN. § 78B-7-116(1)-(3) 78B-7-305

Section 78B-7-116 – Full faith and credit for foreign protection orders.

(1) A foreign protection order is enforceable in this state as provided in Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 3, Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act, and Title 78B, Chapter 7, Part 12, Uniform Recognition and Enforcement of Canadian Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act.

(2)

(a) A person entitled to protection under a foreign protection order may file the order in any district court by filing with the court a certified copy of the order. A filing fee may not be required.

(b) The person filing the foreign protection order shall swear under oath in an affidavit, that to the best of the person's knowledge the order is presently in effect as written and the respondent was personally served with a copy of the order.

(c) The affidavit described in Subsection (2)(b) shall be in the form adopted by the Administrative Office of the Courts, consistent with its responsibilities to develop and adopt forms under Section 78B-7-105.

(d) The court where a foreign protection order is filed shall transmit a copy of the order to the statewide domestic violence network described in Section 78B-7-113.

(e) Upon inquiry by a law enforcement agency, the clerk of the district court shall make a copy of the foreign protection order available.

(f) After a foreign protection order is filed, the district court shall furnish a certified copy of the order to the person who filed the order.

(g) A filed foreign protection order that is inaccurate or is not currently in effect shall be corrected or removed from the statewide domestic violence network described in Section 78B-7-113.

(3) Law enforcement personnel may:

(a) rely upon a certified copy of any foreign protection order which has been provided to the peace officer by any source;

(b) rely on the statement of the person protected by the order that the order is in effect and the respondent was personally served with a copy of the order; or

(c) consider other information in determining whether there is probable cause to believe that a valid foreign protection order exists.

Section 78B-7-305 – Registration of order.

Any individual may register a foreign protection order in this state under Section 78B-7-116.

VERMONT

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

**Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 15 §
1107:
1108 (b), (d)**

Section § 1107 – Filing orders with law enforcement personnel; Department of Public Safety protection order database.

(a) Police departments, sheriff's departments, and State police district offices shall establish procedures for filing abuse prevention orders issued under this chapter, 33 V.S.A. chapter 69, 12 V.S.A. chapter 178, protective orders relating to contact with a child issued under 33 V.S.A. § 5115, and foreign abuse prevention orders and for making their personnel aware of the existence and contents of such orders.

(b) Any court in this State that issues an abuse prevention order under section 1104 or 1103 of this chapter, or that files a foreign abuse prevention order in accordance with subsection 1108(d) of this chapter, or that issues a protective order relating to contact with a child under 33 V.S.A. § 5115, shall transmit a copy of the order to the Department of Public Safety protection order database.

Section 1108 – Enforcement

(b) A law enforcement officer may rely upon a copy of any order issued under this chapter or any foreign abuse prevention order that has been provided to the law enforcement officer by any source. Law enforcement personnel may rely upon the written and sworn statement of the person protected by the foreign abuse prevention order that the order remains in effect. An officer's reasonable reliance as provided in this subsection shall be a complete defense in any civil action arising in connection with a court's finding under subsection (c) of this section that the order was not enforceable.

(d) A person entitled to protection under a foreign abuse prevention order may file the foreign abuse prevention order in any Family Division of the Superior Court by filing a certified copy of the order with the court. The person shall swear under oath in an affidavit that to the best of the person's knowledge the order is presently in effect as written. Upon inquiry by a law enforcement agency, the clerk of the Family Division of the Superior Court shall make a copy of the foreign abuse prevention order available.

VIRGINIA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Va. Code Ann. §

16.1-279.1 (F), (I)-(J)

Section § 16.1-279.1. Protective order in cases of family abuse.

F. Any judgment, order or decree, whether permanent or temporary, issued by a court of appropriate jurisdiction in another state, the United States or any of its territories, possessions or Commonwealths, the District of Columbia or by any tribal court of appropriate jurisdiction for the purpose of preventing violent or threatening acts or harassment against or contact or communication with or physical proximity to another person, including any of the conditions specified in subsection A, shall be accorded full faith and credit and enforced in the Commonwealth as if it were an order of the Commonwealth, provided reasonable notice and opportunity to be heard were given by the issuing jurisdiction to the person against whom the order is sought to be enforced sufficient to protect such person's due process rights and consistent with federal law. A person entitled to protection under such a foreign order may file the order in any juvenile and domestic relations district court by filing with the court an attested or exemplified copy of the order. Upon such a filing, the clerk shall forthwith forward an attested copy of the order to the primary law-enforcement agency responsible for service and entry of protective orders which shall, upon receipt, enter the name of the person subject to the order and other appropriate information required by the Department of State Police into the Virginia Criminal Information Network established and maintained by the Department pursuant to Chapter 2 (§ 52-12 et seq.) of Title 52. Where practical, the court may transfer information electronically to the Virginia Criminal Information Network.

Upon inquiry by any law-enforcement agency of the Commonwealth, the clerk shall make a copy available of any foreign order filed with that court. A law-enforcement officer may, in the performance of his duties, rely upon a copy of a foreign protective order or other suitable evidence which has been provided to him by any source and may also rely upon the statement of any person protected by the order that the order remains in effect.

I. Neither a law-enforcement agency, the attorney for the Commonwealth, a court nor the clerk's office, nor any employee of them, may disclose, except among themselves, the residential address, telephone number, or place of employment of the person protected by the order or that of the family of such person, except to the extent that disclosure is (i) required by law or the Rules of the Supreme Court, (ii) necessary for law-enforcement purposes, or (iii) permitted by the court for good cause.

J. No fee shall be charged for filing or serving any petition or order pursuant to this section.

WASHINGTON

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

WASH. REV. CODE ANN. §26.52.030

Section 26.52.030 - Foreign protection orders — Filing — Assistance.

- (1) A person entitled to protection who has a valid foreign protection order may file that order by presenting a certified, authenticated, or exemplified copy of the foreign protection order to a clerk of the court of a Washington court in which the person entitled to protection resides or to a clerk of the court of a Washington court where the person entitled to protection believes enforcement may be necessary. Any out-of-state department, agency, or court responsible for maintaining protection order records, may by facsimile or electronic transmission send a reproduction of the foreign protection order to the clerk of the court of Washington as long as it contains a facsimile or electronic signature by any person authorized to make such transmission.
- (2) Filing of a foreign protection order with a court and entry of the foreign protection order into any computer-based criminal intelligence information system available in this state used by law enforcement agencies to list outstanding warrants are not prerequisites for enforcement of the foreign protection order.
- (3) The court shall accept the filing of a foreign protection order without a fee or cost.
- (4) The clerk of the court shall provide information to a person entitled to protection of the availability of domestic violence, sexual abuse, and other services to victims in the community where the court is located and in the state.
- (5) The clerk of the court shall assist the person entitled to protection in completing an information form that must include, but need not be limited to, the following:
- (a) The name of the person entitled to protection and any other protected parties;
 - (b) The name and address of the person who is subject to the restraint provisions of the foreign protection order;
 - (c) The date the foreign protection order was entered;
 - (d) The date the foreign protection order expires;
 - (e) The relief granted under (specify the relief awarded and citations thereto, and designate which of the violations are arrestable offenses);
 - (f) The judicial district and contact information for court administration for the court in which the foreign protection order was entered;
 - (g) The social security number, date of birth, and description of the person subject to the restraint provisions of the foreign protection order;

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(h) Whether the person who is subject to the restraint provisions of the foreign protection order is believed to be armed and dangerous;
(i) Whether the person who is subject to the restraint provisions of the foreign protection order was served with the order, and if so, the method used to serve the order;
(j) The type and location of any other legal proceedings between the person who is subject to the restraint provisions and the person entitled to protection.
An inability to answer any of the above questions does not preclude the filing or enforcement of a foreign protection order.

(6) The clerk of the court shall provide the person entitled to protection with a copy bearing proof of filing with the court.

(7) Any assistance provided by the clerk under this section does not constitute the practice of law. The clerk is not liable for any incomplete or incorrect information that he or she is provided.

WEST VIRGINIA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

W. VA. CODE ANN. § 48-28-5s

Section 48-28-5. Registration of order.

(a) Any individual may register a foreign protection order in this State by:

Presenting a certified copy of the order to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals for registration in accordance with the provisions of section eight hundred two [§ 48-27-802], article twenty-seven of this chapter.

(b) An individual registering a foreign protection order shall file an affidavit by the protected individual stating that, to the best of the protected individual's knowledge, the order is currently in effect.

(c) Upon receipt of a foreign protection order for registration, the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals shall:

(1) Register the order in accordance with the provisions of this section and of section eight hundred two, article twenty-seven of this chapter;

(2) Furnish to the individual registering the order a copy of the proof of registration of the order.

(d) A registered foreign protection order that is shown to be inaccurate or not currently in effect must be corrected or removed from the registry.

(e) A foreign protection order registered under this article may be entered in any existing state or federal registry of protection orders in accordance with applicable law.

(f) A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order.

WISCONSIN

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

Wis. Stat. § 813.128
(a), (c), (f)

Section 813.128. Uniform interstate enforcement of domestic violence protection orders act.

(3g) Filing and enforcement of a foreign protection order.

(a)

1. A copy of any foreign protection order, or of a modification of a foreign protection order that is on file with the circuit court, that is authenticated in accordance with an act of congress, an Indian tribal legislative body or the statutes of another state may be filed in the office of the clerk of circuit court of any county of this state. The clerk may not charge a fee for the filing of a foreign protection order. The clerk shall treat any foreign protection order or modification so filed in the same manner as a judgment of the circuit court.

2. Within one business day after a foreign protection order or a modification of a foreign protection order is filed under this subsection, the clerk of circuit court shall send a copy of the foreign protection order or modification of the order to the sheriff in that circuit or to the local law enforcement agency that is the central repository for orders and injunctions in that circuit.

3. The sheriff or law enforcement agency that receives a copy of a foreign protection order or of a modification of an order from the clerk under subd. 2. shall enter the information received concerning the order or modification of an order into the transaction information for management of enforcement system no later than 24 hours after receiving the information. The sheriff or law enforcement agency shall make available to other law enforcement agencies, through a verification system, information on the existence and status of any order or modification of an order filed under this subsection. The information need not be maintained after the order or modification is no longer in effect.

(c) If a foreign protection order is not presented, a law enforcement officer of this state may consider other information in determining whether there is probable cause to believe that a valid foreign protection order exists.

(f) A foreign protection order that is valid on its face is prima facie evidence of its validity.

WYOMING

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

WYO. STAT. ANN. § 35-21-111

Section 35-21-111 - Filing and registration of foreign protection orders.

- (a) A petitioner who obtains a valid order of protection in another state, tribe or territory may file that order by presenting a certified copy of the foreign order to the clerk of district court in the judicial district where the petitioner believes enforcement may be necessary.
- (b) Filing shall be without fee or cost.
- (c) The clerk of district court shall forward a copy of the foreign protection order to the local sheriff's office and the chief of police for entry into the statewide protection order registry upon application of a petitioner seeking enforcement.
- (d) The clerk of district court shall provide the petitioner with a receipt bearing proof of submission of the foreign protection order for entry into the statewide protection order registry system.
- (e) Filing and registration of the foreign order in the statewide protection order registry shall not be prerequisites for enforcement of the foreign protection order in this state.

AMERICAN SAMOA

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

AM. SAMOA CODE ANN. § 47.0207

Section 47.0207 - Registration and enforcement for foreign orders of protection – Duties of court clerk.

(a) A certified copy of an order for protection issued in the United States may be filed in the office of the clerk of the High Court. The clerk shall act upon the order in the same manner as the clerk acts upon an order for protection issued by the High Court.

(b) A filed order for protection has the same effect and must be enforced in the same manner as an order for protection issued by a court of this Territory. The court shall enforce all provisions of a registered foreign order for protection whether or not such relief is available in this Territory.

GUAM

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

19 Guam Code Ann. § 14105

Section 14105 – Registration and Enforcement of Foreign Orders for Protection; Duties of Court Clerk.

- (a) A certified copy of an order for protection or restraining order issued in another state may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court. The Clerk shall act upon the order in the same manner as the clerk acts upon an order for protection or restraining order issued by the Superior Court.
- (b) Any valid protection order related to abuse, or domestic or family violence, issued by a court of another state, tribe, territory or commonwealth of the United States, and filed in accordance with Subsection (a) shall be afforded full faith and credit by the courts of Guam and enforced as if it were issued on Guam, pursuant to the Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C. § 2265.
- (c) The Clerk of the Superior Court shall:
 - (1) maintain a registry in which to enter certified orders for protection or restraining orders issued in other states that are received for filing; and
 - (2) at the request of a court of another state or at the request of a person who is affected by or has a legitimate interest in an order for protection, certify and forward a copy of the order to that court or person at no cost to the requesting party.

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

8 N. Mar. I. Code § 1924; 8 N. MAR. I. CODE § 1925

Section 1924. Registration and Enforcement of Foreign Orders for Protection; Duties of Court Clerk.

- (a) A certified copy of an order for protection issued in another state may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court. The clerk shall act upon the order in the same manner that the clerk acts upon an order for protection issued by the Superior Court of this Commonwealth.
- (b) An order for protection filed in accordance with subsection (1) has the same effect and must be enforced in the same manner as an order for protection issued by a court of this Commonwealth.
- (c) The Clerk of the Superior Court shall:
- (1) Maintain a registry in which to enter certified orders for protection issued in another U.S. jurisdiction that are received for filing; and
 - (2) At the request of a court of another U.S. jurisdiction, or at the request of a person who is affected by or has a legitimate interest in an order for protection, certify and forward a copy of the order to that court or person at no cost to the requesting party.
- (d) The Superior Court of this Commonwealth shall enforce all provisions of a registered foreign order for protection whether or not such relief is available in the Commonwealth.

COMMISSION COMMENT: The reference in subsection (b) above to "subsection (1)" appears that it should have logically been a reference to "subsection (a)" instead. Additionally, pursuant to the authority granted by 1 CMC §3806, the Commission corrected the original reference to "Superior Clerk" in subsection (c) to "Superior Court."

Section 1925- Commonwealth Registry for Orders for Protection.

- (a) The Clerk of the Superior Court, and the Department of Public Safety shall maintain a registry of all orders for protection issued by a court of this Commonwealth or registered in this Commonwealth. The order must be included in the registry within 24 hours after issuance.
- (b) The information contained in the registry is available at all times to a court, a law enforcement agency, and other governmental agencies, upon request, for official purposes only.

PUERTO RICO

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

P.R. Laws Ann. tit. 8 § 674

Section § 674. Inclusion of orders from other states, territories, tribes.

(a) Any restraining order duly issued by a court of another state, tribe, or territory of the United States, shall have full faith and credit in the courts of Puerto Rico and shall be enforced as if it were issued by a court from this jurisdiction, provided it complies with the requirements of due process of law, at the moment of the issuance and serving of said order.

(b) Any person who has obtained a restraining order duly issued in another state, tribe, or territory of the United States may request the same to be included in the electronic file, by filing a certified copy thereof at the office of the clerk of any court of Puerto Rico, free of charge. Upon filing such order which seems to be authentic in its face, it shall be presumed to be valid and shall be enforced, although the same has not been presented before any office of the clerk in the courts of Puerto Rico.

US VIRGIN ISLANDS

STATUTE

STATE CODE PROVISION

V.I. CODE ANN. tit. 5, § 585

Section 585 - Registration.

- (a) Any individual may register a foreign protection order in this State. To register a foreign protection order, an individual shall:
- (1) present a certified copy of the order to the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court; or
 - (2) present a certified copy of the order to Office of the Attorney General and request that the order be registered with the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court.
- (b) Upon receipt of a foreign protection order, the Office of the Attorney General shall register the order in accordance with this section. After the order is registered, the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court shall furnish to the individual registering the order a certified copy of the registered order.
- (c) The Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court shall register an order upon presentation of a copy of a protection order which has been certified by the issuing State. A registered foreign protection order that is inaccurate or is not currently in effect must be corrected or removed from the registry in accordance with the law of this State.
- (d) An individual registering a foreign protection order shall file an affidavit by the protected individual stating that, to the best of the protected individual's knowledge, the order is currently in effect.
- (e) A foreign protection order registered under this chapter may be entered in any existing state or federal registry of protection orders, in accordance with applicable law.
- (f) A fee may not be charged for the registration of a foreign protection order under this chapter.

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