## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0168

Protective orders-duration.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Olsen

A BILL

for

- 1 AN ACT relating to domestic violence protection; removing
- 2 the three month limit on protective orders; authorizing the
- 3 circuit court or district court to specify the duration of
- 4 protective orders; requiring that protective orders state
- 5 the duration of the order; and providing for an effective
- 6 date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

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- 10 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-21-105 by creating a new
- 11 subsection (k) and 35-21-106(b) are amended to read:

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- 35-21-105. Order of protection; contents; remedies;
- order not to affect title to property; conditions.

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1 (k) The order shall specifically state the period of 2 time for which it is effective, as determined pursuant to 3 W.S. 35-21-106 (b). 4 5 35-21-106. Service of order; duration and extension of order; violation; remedies not exclusive. 6 7 (b) An order of protection granted by the court shall 8 9 be effective for a fixed period of time not to exceed three 10 (3) months one (1) year as determined by the court. The 11 order may be extended repetitively once for good cause upon 12 motion of the petitioner for an additional periods period of time not to exceed three (3) months each one (1) year as 13 14 determined by the court. The filing of an action for divorce shall not supersede an order of protection granted 15 16 under this act. 17 18 Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2005. 19

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