

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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13 **35-21-105. Order of protection; contents; remedies;**
14 **order not to affect title to property; conditions.**

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(k) The order shall specifically state the period of time for which it is effective, as determined pursuant to W.S. 35-21-106(b) .

35-21-106. Service of order; duration and extension
of order; violation; remedies not exclusive.

(b) An order of protection granted by the court shall be effective for a fixed period of time ~~not to exceed three (3) months~~ as determined by the court. The order may be extended repetitively for good cause upon motion of the petitioner for additional periods of time ~~not to exceed three (3) months each~~ as determined by the court. The filing of an action for divorce shall not supersede an order of protection granted under this act.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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