STATE OF WYOMING

## SENATE FILE NO. SF0167

Domestic violence protection hearings-remote appearance.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Nethercott, Biteman, French, Landen and Schuler and Representative(s) Byron, Crago, Harshman and Jennings

## A BILL

## for

1 AN ACT relating to domestic violence protection; authorizing one (1) party to remotely attend hearings for 2 3 orders of protection as specified; and providing for an effective date. 4 5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming: 6 7 8 Section 1. W.S. 35-21-103 by creating a new 9 subsection (j) is amended to read: 10 11 35-21-103. Petition for order of protection; 12 contents; prerequisites; counsel to be provided petitioners; award of costs and fees; remote appearance at 13 hearings. 14

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1	(j) For any hearing required or authorized for
2	proceedings under this act, the petitioner or other party
3	to the hearing may petition the court to appear at the
4	hearing by remote means. The court may, in its discretion,
5	grant the petition for remote appearance at the hearing,
6	provided that the court is equipped with appropriate audio
7	or video technology to allow the petitioner to fully
8	participate in the hearing.
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10	Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon
11	completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
12	as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
13	Constitution.
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15	(END)

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