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# CALIFORNIA LAW REVISION COMMISSION

TENTATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Family Code:  
Reorganization of Domestic Violence Provisions

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## **SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION**

**This tentative recommendation contains proposed legislation to consolidate and reorganization the Family Code provisions dealing with prevention of domestic violence. Minor inconsistencies among separate bodies of law would be reconciled.**

## REORGANIZATION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROVISIONS

The Family Code was enacted during the 1992 legislative session on recommendation of the Law Revision Commission.<sup>1</sup> The code is subject to a delayed operative date of January 1, 1994.<sup>2</sup> The code consolidates provisions relating to family law dispersed in several existing codes, including the Civil Code, Code of Civil Procedure, Evidence Code, Probate Code, and Welfare and Institutions Code.<sup>3</sup> In the course of reviewing the new code, the Commission has identified certain projects that merit further study.<sup>4</sup> This tentative recommendation is the result of further study of the Family Code provisions dealing with prevention of domestic violence.

Under existing law, substantially similar provisions for restraining orders intended to prevent domestic violence are included in three separate bodies of law in two codes: the Family Law Act,<sup>5</sup> the Uniform Parentage Act,<sup>6</sup> and the Domestic Violence Prevention Act.<sup>7</sup> The Family Code continues the provisions for obtaining these orders in Division 6 (nullity, dissolution, or legal separation), Division 10 (prevention of domestic violence), and Part 3 of Division 12 (Uniform Parentage Act). This tentative recommendation would consolidate these provisions in Division 10 and resolve minor discrepancies among the three sets of provisions. Where possible, the Commission has reconciled these discrepancies by conforming the sections to the applicable Judicial Council forms.<sup>8</sup>

Other inconsistencies in existing law would be reconciled as follows:

(1) Code of Civil Procedure Section 527 provides as a general rule that *ex parte* restraining orders are to be made returnable in 15 days, absent a showing of good cause. However, all of the specific Family Code provisions providing for *ex parte* restraining orders apply a 20-day rule.<sup>9</sup> The Family Code continues the general 15-day rule and makes it subject to exceptions for the Family Code orders. This approach is unnecessarily confusing and a single 20-day rule should be applied throughout the Family Code.

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1. 1992 Cal. Stat. ch. 162, § 10.

2. 1992 Cal. Stat. ch. 162, § 13.

3. *Family Code*, 22 Cal. L. Revision Comm'n Reports 1, 7 (1992).

4. *Family Code*, 22 Cal. L. Revision Comm'n Reports 1, 12 (1992).

5. See Part 5 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 4 of the Civil Code.

6. See Part 7 (commencing with Section 7000) of Division 4 of the Civil Code.

7. See Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 540) of Part 2 of Title 7 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

8. See proposed Fam. Code §§ 2040, 6224, 6240, 6250, 6302, 6323, 6324, 6340, 7720.

9. See Code Civ. Proc. §§ 527 (applying 20-day rule to Civ. Code § 4359), 546(a); Civ. Code §§ 4701.1(d), 7020(a).

(2) Existing law authorizes inclusion of orders intended to prevent domestic violence in judgments in proceedings under the Uniform Parentage Act<sup>10</sup> and in dissolution, nullity, or legal separation proceedings.<sup>11</sup> This rule should be generalized to allow the orders to be included in any judgment under the code. This revision will have little practical effect, since these proceedings will comprise the bulk of those to which the rule will apply. However, where these orders are obtained in a different proceeding, as for example in a proceeding to obtain exclusive custody,<sup>12</sup> it is reasonable and efficient to allow these orders to be included in a subsequent judgment.

(3) The scope of the Uniform Parentage Act provisions for orders intended to prevent domestic violence extends to orders restraining abuse of a child who is the subject of a proceeding under the act.<sup>13</sup> The definition of domestic violence in the Domestic Violence Prevention Act, however, does not cover abuse against children.<sup>14</sup> Prior to amendment in 1990,<sup>15</sup> children were expressly included in the act's definition of domestic violence.<sup>16</sup> The legislative history of the 1990 bill amending the definition supports the conclusion that elimination of the reference to children was probably inadvertent.<sup>17</sup> Accordingly, this tentative recommendation would revise the definition of domestic violence to include abuse against children. This would continue existing provisions in the Uniform Parentage Act and restore the former law as to children who are not the subject of a proceeding under the Uniform Parentage Act.

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10. Civ. Code § 7021.

11. Civ. Code §§ 4458, 4516.

12. Fam. Code § 3120 (independent action for exclusive custody).

13. See Civ. Code § 7020.

14. See Code Civ. Proc. § 542(b).

15. 1990 Cal Stat. ch. 752, § 2.

16. 1984 Cal. Stat. ch. 1163, § 3.

17. The Commission is informed [by both an Assembly Judiciary Committee consultant and the sponsor of the bill] that the bill's intent was to broaden the scope of this definition, not to narrow it. The consultant's analysis of the bill similarly shows an intent to expand, not narrow, the scope of the definition. See also Legislative Counsel's Digest of 1990 Cal. Stat. ch. 752.

**RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION**  
**Outline**  
**FAMILY CODE**

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  - § 242 (added). Order to show cause
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**DIVISION 6. NULLITY, DISSOLUTION, AND LEGAL SEPARATION**

**PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**CHAPTER 4. RESTRAINING ORDERS**

*Repealed Articles:*

- Article 2 . Orders During Pendency of Proceeding
  - §§ 2035-2043 (repealed). Ex parte orders
- Article 3. Orders Issuable After Notice and Hearing
  - § 2045 (repealed). Protective orders included in judgment

*Added Articles:*

- Article 2. Ex Parte Orders
    - § 2035 (added). Ex parte orders during pendency of proceeding
  - Article 3. Orders Issuable After Notice and Hearing
    - § 2040 (added). Orders issuable after notice and hearing
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**DIVISION 10. PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

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**DIVISION 10. PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

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- § 6201 (added). Application of definitions
- § 6203 (added). "Abuse"

- § 6205 (added). "Affinity"
- § 6209 (added). "Cohabitant"
- § 6211 (added). "Domestic violence"
- § 6213 (added). "Domestic violence prevention order"

## PART 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- § 6220 (added). Purposes of division
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- § 6222 (added). Order limiting visitation to situations where third person present
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- § 6224 (added). Required statements in order
- § 6225 (added). Court to provide information to parties concerning terms and effect of order
- § 6226 (added). Explicit statement of address not required
- § 6227 (added). Reissuance of restraining order
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- § 6229 (added). Judicial Council forms and instructions
- § 6230 (added). Remedies cumulative

## PART 3. EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDERS

### CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- § 6240 (added). Definitions
- § 6241 (added). Designation of judicial officer to orally issue ex parte emergency protective order

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- § 6250 (added). Grounds for ex parte emergency protective order
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- § 6270 (added). Reducing order to writing and signing order
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- § 6272 (added). Means of enforcement
- § 6273 (added). Officer to carry copies of order

## PART 4. RESTRAINING ORDERS

### CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- § 6300 (added). Issuance on affidavit showing reasonable proof of past act or acts of abuse
- § 6301 (added). Persons who may be granted restraining order
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- § 6320 (added). Enjoining harassment, threats, and violence
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- § 6322 (added). Enjoining additional specified behaviors
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- § 6340 (added). Orders that may be issued ex parte
- § 6341 (added). Payment of child support by presumed father
- § 6342 (added). Payment of restitution for loss of earnings and out-of-pocket expenses
- § 6343 (added). Participation in counseling
- § 6344 (added). Payment of attorney's fees and costs

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§ 6360 (added). Orders included in judgment

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§ 6386 (added). Appointment of counsel and payment if fees and costs to enforce order

§ 6387 (added). Clerk to provide petitioner with copies of order

§ 6388 (added). Criminal penalty for violation of order

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**DIVISION 12. PARENT AND CHILD RELATIONSHIP**

**PART 3. UNIFORM PARENTAGE ACT**

**CHAPTER 6. RESTRAINING ORDERS**

*Repealed Articles:*

**Article 2. Ex Parte Orders**

§§ 7710-7711 (repealed). Ex parte orders

**Article 3. Orders Issuable After Notice and Hearing**

§§ 7720-7722 (repealed). Orders issuable after notice and hearing

**Article 4. Required Statements in Order**

§§ 7730-7731 (repealed). Required statements in order

**Article 5. Registration and Enforcement of Orders**

§§ 7740-7743 (repealed). Registration and enforcement of orders

**Article 6. Protective Orders Included in Judgment**

§ 7750 (repealed). Orders included in judgment

*Added Articles:*

**Article 2. Ex Parte Orders**

§ 7710 (added). Ex parte restraining orders

**Article 3. Orders Issuable After Notice and Hearing**

§ 7720 (added). Orders issuable after notice and hearing

**Article 4. Orders in Judgment**

§ 7730 (added). Orders included in judgment

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## DIVISION 1. PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS

*Note. This tentative recommendation includes both "Comments" and "Interim Comments." The comments explain the section as if it were enacted. The interim comments are temporary and are included to show differences between the 1992 Family Code legislation and the changes proposed in this tentative recommendation.*

### PART 2. DEFINITIONS

#### **Fam. Code § 55 (repealed). "Abuse"**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 55 of the Family Code is repealed.

~~55. "Abuse" means intentionally or recklessly to cause or attempt to cause bodily injury, or sexual assault, or to place a person in reasonable apprehension of imminent serious bodily injury to that person or to another.~~

**Interim Comment.** Section 55 is continued in Section 6203 without substantive change. Under existing law this definition applies only to the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. Section 55 generalized this definition to apply to the entire Family Code. Section 6203 returns to the existing scheme and applies this definition only to the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. See Section 6201 (application of definitions). Where this term is used in the Family Code, but outside the Domestic Violence Prevention Act, the definition is made expressly applicable by use of a cross-reference. See Section 6203 Comment.

#### **Fam. Code § 57 (repealed). "Affinity"**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 57 of the Family Code is repealed.

~~57. "Affinity," when applied to the marriage relation, signifies the connection existing in consequence of marriage between each of the married persons and the blood relatives of the other.~~

**Interim Comment.** Section 57 is continued in Section 6205 without substantive change. Under existing law this definition applies only to the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. Section 57 generalized this definition to apply to the entire Family Code. Section 6205 returns to the existing scheme and applies this definition only to the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. See Section 6201 (application of definitions).

#### **Fam. Code § 60 (repealed). "Cohabitant" "former cohabitant"**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 60 of the Family Code is repealed.

~~60. "Cohabitant" means a person who regularly resides in the household. "Former cohabitant" means a person who formerly regularly resided in the household.~~

**Interim Comment.** Section 60 is continued in Section 6209 without substantive change. Under existing law this definition applies only to the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. Section 60 generalized this definition to apply to the entire Family Code. Section 6209 returns to the existing scheme and applies this definition only to the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. See Section 6201 (application of definitions).

#### **Fam. Code § 70 (repealed). "Domestic violence"**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 70 of the Family Code is repealed.

~~70. "Domestic violence" is abuse perpetrated against any of the following:~~



~~(a) A spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, former cohabitant, any other adult person related by consanguinity or affinity within the second degree, or a person with whom the respondent has had a dating or engagement relationship.~~

~~(b) A person who is the parent of a child and the presumption applies that the male parent is the father of any child of the female parent pursuant to the Uniform Parentage Act (Part 3 (commencing with Section 7600) of Division 12).~~

**Interim Comment.** Section 70 is continued in Section 6211 without substantive change. Under existing law this definition applies only to the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. Section 70 generalized this definition to apply to the entire Family Code. Section 6211 returns to the existing scheme and applies this definition only to the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. See Section 6201 (application of definitions). Where this term is used in the Family Code, but outside the Domestic Violence Prevention Act, the definition is made expressly applicable by use of a cross-reference. See Section 6211 Comment.

**Fam. Code § 75 (repealed). "Domestic violence prevention order"**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 75 of the Family Code is repealed.

**75. "Domestic violence prevention order" means any of the following:**

~~(a) An order made pursuant to subdivision (b), (c), or (d) of Section 2035 (order in pending dissolution, nullity, or legal separation proceeding).~~

~~(b) An order made pursuant to Section 2045 (order in judgment in dissolution, nullity, or legal separation proceeding).~~

~~(c) An order described in subdivision (b), (c), or (d) of Section 2035 made pursuant to subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 5550 (ex parte order under Domestic Violence Prevention Act).~~

~~(d) An order issued under Part 4 (commencing with Section 5600) of Division 10 (ex parte emergency protective order under Domestic Violence Prevention Act).~~

~~(e) An order described in subdivision (b), (c), or (d) of Section 2035 made pursuant to subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 5750 (order after notice and hearing made under Domestic Violence Prevention Act).~~

~~(f) An order made pursuant to subdivision (a), (b), or (c) of Section 7710 (ex parte order under Uniform Parentage Act).~~

~~(g) An order described in subdivision (a), (b), or (c) of Section 7710 made pursuant to Section 7720 (order after notice and hearing under Uniform Parentage Act).~~

~~(h) An order included in the judgment pursuant to Section 7750 (Uniform Parentage Act).~~

**Interim Comment.** Section 75 is continued in Section 6213 without substantive change. Under existing law this definition applies only to the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. Section 75 generalized this definition to apply to the entire Family Code. Section 6213 returns to the existing scheme and applies this definition only to the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. See Section 6201 (application of definitions). Where this term is used in the Family Code, but outside the Domestic Violence Prevention Act, the definition is made expressly applicable by use of a cross-reference. See Section 6213 Comment.

## DIVISION 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

### PART 4. RESTRAINING ORDERS ISSUED WITHOUT NOTICE

**Fam. Code § 240 (repealed). Application of provisions of this part**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 240 of the Family Code is repealed.

~~240. Except as otherwise provided by law, this part applies to an order under any of the following provisions:~~

~~(a) Article 2 (commencing with Section 2035) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 6 (ex parte protective orders in proceedings for dissolution, nullity, or legal separation).~~

~~(b) Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 3600) of Part 1 of Division 9 (spousal and child support during pendency of proceeding).~~

~~(c) Part 3 (commencing with Section 5530) of Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act).~~

~~(d) Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 7700) of Part 3 of Division 12 (Uniform Parentage Act).~~

**Interim Comment.** Section 240 is generalized in new Section 240. This section applied only to specified restraining orders. New Section 240 is expanded to apply to all ex parte restraining orders issued under this code, except for orders issued in a summons pursuant to Part 3 (commencing with Section 231) of this division. See, e.g., Sections 4620 (ex parte restraining order in proceeding to secure deposit of assets), 6320-6325 (ex parte restraining order in proceeding under Domestic Violence Prevention Act).

**Fam. Code § 240 (added). Application of provisions of this part**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 240 is added to the Family Code, to read:

240. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), this part applies to a restraining order issued without notice under this code.

(b) This part does not apply to a temporary restraining order issued pursuant to Part 3 (commencing with Section 231).

**Comment.** Section 240 generalizes and continues without substantive change the fourth sentence of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 545. The former section required that ex parte restraining orders issued pursuant to the Domestic Violence Prevention Act be obtained in the manner provided for in Code of Civil Procedure Section 527. The provisions of Part 4 (commencing with Section 240) of Division 2 of the Family Code are drawn from and supersede the provisions of Code of Civil Procedure Section 527, insofar as that section formerly applied to ex parte restraining orders issued under this code. See also Section 210 (general rules of practice and procedure); Code Civ. Proc. §§ 527(b) (section not applicable to this part), 529 (exemption from undertaking requirement).

**Fam. Code § 241 (amended). Granting temporary order without notice**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 241 of the Family Code is amended to read:

241. Except as provided in Section 5530 ~~6300~~, an order described in Section 240 may not be granted without notice to the respondent unless it appears from facts shown by the affidavit in support of the application for the order, or in the

application for the order, that great or irreparable injury would result to the petitioner before the matter can be heard on notice.

**Comment.** Section 241 is a new provision drawn from a part of the first sentence of the last paragraph of Code of Civil Procedure Section 527(a). The introductory clause has been added to Section 241 to recognize that Section 6300 provides for the issuance of an order under Division 10 (Prevention of Domestic Violence) on an affidavit showing reasonable proof of a past act of abuse. The reference to a "verified" application has been omitted as surplus. See Section 212 (pleadings to be verified). The reference to "petitioner" has been substituted for the former reference to "applicant." This is not a substantive change.

**Interim Comment.** Section 241 is revised to correct a cross-reference.

**Fam. Code § 242 (repealed). Order to show cause**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 242 of the Family Code is repealed.

~~242. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), if an order described in Section 240 is granted without notice, the matter shall be made returnable on an order requiring cause to be shown why a permanent order should not be granted, on the earliest day that the business of the court will permit, but not later than 15 days or, if good cause appears to the court, 20 days from the date of the order.~~

~~(b) The matter shall be made returnable not later than 20 days or, if good cause appears to the court, 25 days from the date of the order, in an order under:~~

~~(1) Article 2 (commencing with Section 2035) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 6.~~

~~(2) Division 10 (commencing with Section 5500).~~

~~(3) Article 2 (commencing with Section 7710) of Chapter 6 of Part 3 of Division 12.~~

~~(c) The court may on motion of the applicant or on its own motion shorten the time for service on the respondent of the order to show cause in an order under:~~

~~(1) Division 10 (commencing with Section 5500).~~

~~(2) Article 2 (commencing with Section 7710) of Chapter 6 of Part 3 of Division 12.~~

**Interim Comment.** Section 242 is restated in new Section 242. This section was intended to continue existing, inconsistent rules. The 15- or 20-day rule was drawn from Code of Civil Procedure 527, which provides the rule for civil actions generally. However, existing law made exceptions for ex parte orders in proceedings for dissolution, nullity, and legal separation, for ex parte orders pursuant to the Domestic Violence Prevention Act, and for ex parte orders in proceedings under the Uniform Parentage Act. For each of these the 20- or 25-day rule applied. In addition, orders shortening time were expressly allowed for orders under the Domestic Violence Prevention Act and the Uniform Parentage Act, but not for orders in proceedings for dissolution, nullity, or legal separation. This approach has been simplified by applying a single set of rules.

**Fam. Code § 242 (added). Order to show cause**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 242 is added to the Family Code, to read:

242. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), if an order described in subdivision (a) of Section 240 is granted without notice, the matter shall be made returnable on an order requiring cause to be shown why a permanent order should not be granted, on the earliest day that the business of the court will permit, but not

later than 20 days or, if good cause appears to the court, 25 days from the date of the order.

(b) The court may on motion of the petitioner or on its own motion shorten the time for service on the respondent of the order to show cause in an order.

**Comment.** Subdivision (a) of Section 242 continues without substantive change the third sentence of the last paragraph of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 527(a), the second sentence of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(a), and the second sentence of former Civil Code Section 7020(a).

Subdivision (b) continues without substantive change the third sentences of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(a) and former Civil Code Section 7020(a). The reference to "petitioner" has been substituted for the former reference to "applicant." This is not a substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 245 (repealed). Reissuance of restraining order**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 245 of the Family Code is repealed.

~~245. (a) The court may, upon the filing of an affidavit by the applicant that the respondent could not be served within the time required by statute, reissue an order previously issued and dissolved by the court for failure to serve the respondent.~~

~~(b) The reissued order shall state on its face the date of expiration of the order.~~

~~(c) No fee shall be charged for the reissuance of the order unless the order had been dissolved three times previously.~~

**Interim Comment.** Section 245 is continued in Section 6227 without substantive change. Under existing law this rule applies only to orders issued under the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. Section 245 generalized this rule to apply to a list of specified orders. Section 6227 returns to the existing scheme and applies this rule only to the Domestic Violence Prevention Act.

## DIVISION 6. NULLITY, DISSOLUTION, AND LEGAL SEPARATION

### PART 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### CHAPTER 4. RESTRAINING ORDERS

**Fam. Code §§ 2035-2043 (repealed). Ex parte orders**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Article 2 (commencing with Section 2035) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 6 of the Family Code is repealed.

**Fam. Code § 2035 (repealed). Orders issuable ex parte**

**Interim Comment.** Section 2035 is continued in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 6320) of Part 4 of Division 10 without substantive change. A new Section 2035 is added to refer to the general domestic violence statute.

**Fam. Code § 2036 (repealed). Conditions for issuance of mutual restraining order**

**Interim Comment.** Section 2036 is continued in Section 6223 without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 2036.5 (repealed). Order excluding party from dwelling issued after notice and hearing**

**Interim Comment.** Section 2036.5 is continued in Section 6340(b) without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 2037 (repealed). Required statements in order**

**Interim Comment.** Subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 2037 are continued in Section 6224 without substantive change. Subdivision (c) is continued in Section 6302 without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 2038 (repealed). Transmittal to local law enforcement agency**

**Interim Comment.** Section 2038 is continued in Section 6380 without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 2039 (repealed). Availability of information concerning order**

**Interim Comment.** Section 2039 is continued in Section 6382 without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 2040 (repealed). Enforcement of order**

**Interim Comment.** Section 2040 is continued in Section 6381 without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 2041 (repealed). Service of restraining order by law enforcement officer**

**Interim Comment.** Section 2041 is continued in Section 6383 without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 2042 (repealed). Criminal penalty for violation of order**

**Interim Comment.** Section 2042 is continued in Section 6388 without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 2043 (repealed). Judicial Council forms and instructions**

**Interim Comment.** Section 2043 is continued in Section 6229 without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 2035 (added). Ex parte orders**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Article 2 (commencing with Section 2035) is added to Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 6 of the Family Code, to read:

**Article 2. Ex Parte Orders**

**Fam. Code § 2035 (added). Ex parte orders during pendency of proceeding**

**2035.** During the pendency of the proceeding, on application of either party, the court may issue ex parte restraining orders as provided in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 6320) of Part 4 of Division 10.

**Comment.** Section 2035 is new. This section provides a reference to the chapter in Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act) that contains the substantive provisions for the issuance of ex parte restraining orders. See Section 6200 Comment (consolidation of substantive provisions regarding issuance of restraining orders intended to prevent domestic violence).

For general provisions relating to ex parte restraining orders, see Part 4 (commencing with Section 240) of Division 2. See also Sections 2000 (application of part), 6228 (support person for victim of domestic violence).

**Fam. Code § 2040 (added). Orders issuable after notice and hearing**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ Article 3 (commencing with Section 2040) is added to Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 6 of the Family Code, to read:

**Article 3. Orders Issuable After Notice and Hearing**

**Fam. Code § 2040 (added). Orders issuable after notice and hearing**

2040. After notice and a hearing, the court may issue restraining orders as provided in Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 6340).

**Comment.** Section 2040 is new. This section provides a reference to the chapter in Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act) that contains the substantive provisions for the issuance of restraining orders after notice and hearing. See Section 6200 Comment (consolidation of substantive provisions regarding issuance of restraining orders intended to prevent domestic violence). The former Family Law Act, applicable to dissolution, nullity, and legal separation proceedings, did not contain a general provision for the issuance of restraining orders after notice and hearing, despite a provision for issuance of an order excluding a party from a dwelling after notice and hearing. The addition of this general provision is not a substantive change. See Cal. R. Ct. 1296.29 (new July 1, 1991) (restraining order after hearing).

See also Sections 2000 (application of part), 6228 (support person for victim of domestic violence).

**Fam. Code § 2045 (repealed). Orders included in judgment**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ Article 3 (commencing with Section 2045) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 6 of the Family Code is repealed.

**Interim Comment.** Subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 2045 are continued in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 6360) of Part 4 of Division 10 without substantive change. Subdivisions (b) and (c) are continued without substantive change in Sections 6380 and 6388. New Section 2045 is added to refer to the general domestic violence statute.

**Fam. Code § 2045 (added). Orders included in judgment**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ Article 4 (commencing with Section 2045) is added to Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 6 of the Family Code, to read:

**Article 4. Orders Included in Judgment**

**Fam. Code § 2045 (added). Orders included in judgment**

2045. A judgment entered in the proceeding may include restraining orders as provided in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 6360) of Part 4 of Division 10.

**Comment.** Section 2045 is new. This section provides a reference to the chapter in Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act) that contains the substantive provisions for issuance of restraining orders in a judgment. See Section 6200 Comment (consolidation of substantive provisions regarding issuance of restraining orders intended to prevent domestic violence). See also Sections 2000 (application of part), 6228 (support person for victim of domestic violence).

## DIVISION 10. PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**Fam. Code §§ 5500-5807 (repealed). Prevention of domestic violence**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Division 10 (commencing with Section 5500) of the Family Code is repealed.

**Interim Comment.** Division 10 of the Family Code is repealed to allow for renumbering and reorganization of the provisions and to allow for expansion of Division 9 (support). The substance of the statutes is continued without substantive change in new Division 10. Sections 5501 and 5505 are omitted. Section 5501 refers to additional definitions applicable to Division 10. This is obsolete, since those definitions are added to new Division 10. Section 5505 defines "protective order." This section is restated in Section 6320. See Section 6320 Comment.

The following table indicates the disposition of each of the Family Code sections (as enacted by 1992 Cal. Stat. ch. 162) in new Division 10.

<i>Repealed</i>	<i>Added</i>	<i>Repealed</i>	<i>Added</i>
5500 .....	6201	5650(a) .....	6250(a)
5501 .....	omitted	5650(b) .....	6252(a)-(b)
5505 .....	omitted	5650(c) .....	6255
5510 .....	6200	5651 .....	6251, 6254
5511 .....	6220	5652 .....	6253
5512 .....	6221	5700(a) .....	6250(b)
5513 .....	6222	5700(b) .....	6252(c)
5514 .....	6223	5700(c) .....	6255
5515 .....	6224	5701 .....	6251, 6254
5516 .....	6225	5702 .....	6253
5517 .....	6226	5703 .....	6257
5518 .....	6227	5750 .....	6340(a)
5519 .....	6228	5751 .....	6340(b)
5520 .....	6229	5752 .....	6341
5530 .....	6300	5753 .....	6342
5531 .....	6301	5754 .....	6343
5550 .....	6320-6325	5755 .....	6344
5551 .....	6302	5756 .....	6345
5552 .....	6321	5800 .....	6380
5600 .....	omitted	5801 .....	6382
5601 .....	6241	5802 .....	6383
5602 .....	6270	5803 .....	6384
5603 .....	6256	5804 .....	6385
5604 .....	6273	5805 .....	6386
5605 .....	6271	5806 .....	6387
5606 .....	6272	5807 .....	6388

**Fam. Code §§ 6200-6388 (added). Prevention of domestic violence**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Division 10 (commencing with Section 6200) is added to the Family Code, to read:

## **DIVISION 10. PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

### **PART 1. SHORT TITLE AND DEFINITIONS**

**Fam. Code § 6200 (added). Short title**

**6200.** This division may be cited as the Domestic Violence Prevention Act.

**Comment.** Section 6200 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 541 without substantive change.

This division collects the substantive provisions for issuance of restraining orders intended to prevent domestic violence. Formerly these substantive provisions were duplicated in substantial part in the former Family Law Act, the Domestic Violence Prevention Act, and the Uniform Parentage Act. Now that these bodies of law have been consolidated in the Family Code, these duplicative provisions have been consolidated and continued in this division. References to the applicable substantive provisions in this division are continued in the division governing dissolution, nullity, or legal separation and in the division governing the Uniform Parentage Act. See Sections 2035, 2040, & 2045 (restraining orders in dissolution, nullity, or legal separation proceeding), 7710, 7720, & 7730 (restraining orders in Uniform Parentage Act proceeding).

**Interim Comment.** This section continues Section 5510 without substantive change. The reference to this division as the Domestic Violence Prevention "Act" has been substituted for the reference to the Domestic Violence Prevention "Law." This change conforms this section to other sections in this code and existing Code of Civil Procedure Section 541.

**Fam. Code § 6201 (added). Application of definitions**

**6201.** Unless the provision or context otherwise requires, the definitions in this part govern the construction of this division.

**Comment.** Section 6201 continues the introductory clause of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 542 without substantive change. The introductory clause of this section has been added for conformity with other sections in this code. See Section 50 & Comment.

**Fam. Code § 6203 (added). "Abuse"**

**6203.** "Abuse" means intentionally or recklessly to cause or attempt to cause bodily injury, or sexual assault, or to place a person in reasonable apprehension of imminent serious bodily injury to that person or to another.

**Comment.** Section 6203 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 542(a) without substantive change. For provisions adopting this definition by reference, see Section 3022 (determining best interest of child in custody proceeding); Evid. Code § 1107 (admissibility of expert witness testimony regarding battered women's syndrome).

**Fam. Code § 6205 (added). "Affinity"**

**6205.** "Affinity," when applied to the marriage relation, signifies the connection existing in consequence of marriage between each of the married persons and the blood relatives of the other.



**Comment.** Section 6205 is a new provision drawn from Code of Civil Procedure Section 17(9).

**Fam. Code § 6209 (added).** “Cohabitant”; “former cohabitant”

6209. “Cohabitant” means a person who regularly resides in the household. “Former cohabitant” means a person who formerly regularly resided in the household.

**Comment.** Section 6209 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 542(c) without change.

**Fam. Code § 6211 (added).** “Domestic violence”

6211. “Domestic violence” is abuse perpetrated against any of the following persons:

(a) A spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, former cohabitant, a child, an adult person related by consanguinity or affinity within the second degree, or a person with whom the respondent has or has had a dating or engagement relationship.

(b) A parent or a child when the presumption applies that the male parent is the father of a child of the female parent or the child pursuant to the Uniform Parentage Act (Part 3 (commencing with Section 7600) of Division 12).

**Comment.** Section 6211 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 542(b) without substantive change. In subdivision (a), the reference to an ongoing dating or engagement relationship has been added. This conforms this section with a part of Penal Code Section 13700(b), defining “domestic violence” for purposes of setting standards for law enforcement response to domestic violence. The references to a child in subdivisions (a) and (b) have been added

For provisions adopting this definition by reference, see Sections 3064 (limitation on ex parte order granting or modifying custody order), 3111 (separate meetings where history of domestic violence or domestic violence prevention order), 3176 (separate mediation permitted where history of domestic violence), 3177 (separate mediation where domestic violence prevention order), 3192 (separate counseling where domestic violence prevention order); Evid. Code § 1107 (admissibility of expert witness testimony regarding battered women’s syndrome).

**Fam. Code § 6213 (added).** “Domestic violence prevention order”

6213. “Domestic violence prevention order” means an order, issued ex parte, after notice and hearing, or in a judgment, as applicable, that does any of the following:

(a) Enjoins a party from any of the acts described in Section 6320.

(b) Excludes a party from a dwelling.

(c) Enjoins a party from specified behavior that the court determines is necessary to effectuate orders under subdivision (a) or (b).

**Comment.** Section 6213 is a new provision included for drafting convenience. The term “domestic violence prevention order” is used in this division in Sections 6222 (order limiting visitation to situations where third person present), 6225 (court to provide information to parties concerning terms and effect of order), 6228 (support person for victim of domestic violence), 6385 (notice to Department of Justice), 6386 (appointment of counsel and payment of fees and costs to enforce order), 6388 (criminal penalty for violation of order).

For provisions adopting this definition by reference, see Sections 213 (responding party’s request for affirmative relief alternative to moving party’s requested relief), 2335 (evidence of

specific acts of misconduct), 3100 (visitation rights generally), 3101 (visitation rights of stepparent or grandparent in dissolution, nullity, or legal separation proceeding), 3111 (separate meetings where history of domestic violence or domestic violence prevention order), 3177 (separate mediation where domestic violence prevention order), 3192 (separate counseling where domestic violence prevention order), and 7604 (pendente lite relief of custody or grant of visitation rights); Gov't Code § 26841 (fees for protective order); Penal Code § 12021 (firearms); Welf. & Inst. Code §§ 304 (custody of dependent children of the court), 362.4 (juvenile court order concerning custody or visitation).

## PART 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

### **Fam. Code § 6220 (added). Purposes of division**

6220. The purposes of this division are to prevent the recurrence of acts of violence and to provide for a separation of the persons involved in the domestic violence for a period sufficient to enable these persons to seek a resolution of the causes of the violence.

**Comment.** Section 6220 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 540 without substantive change. The former section contained a list of persons that duplicated the list in Section 6211. This language has been omitted as surplus. See Section 6211 ("domestic violence" defined). See also Sections 6203 ("abuse" defined), 6205 ("affinity" defined), 6209 ("cohabitant" and "former cohabitant" defined).

### **Fam. Code § 6221 (added). Fees**

6221. (a) There is no filing fee for a petition or response relating to an order issued pursuant to this division.

(b) Fees otherwise payable by a petitioner to a law enforcement agency for serving an order obtained under this division may be waived in any case in which the petitioner has requested a fee waiver on the initiating petition and has filed a declaration that demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the court, the financial need of the petitioner for the fee waiver.

(c) The declaration required by subdivision (b) shall be on one of the following forms:

(1) The form formulated and adopted by the Judicial Council for litigants proceeding in forma pauperis pursuant to Section 68511.3 of the Government Code, but the petitioner is not subject to any other requirements of litigants proceeding in forma pauperis.

(2) Any other form that the Judicial Council may adopt for this purpose pursuant to Section 6229.

(d) In conjunction with a hearing pursuant to this division, the court may issue an order for the waiver of fees otherwise payable by the petitioner to a law enforcement agency for serving an order obtained under this division.

**Comment.** Section 6221 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546.5 without substantive change. In subdivision (a), the reference to an "order issued pursuant to this division" has been substituted for the former reference to a "protective order, restraining order, or a permanent injunction." This is not a substantive change. In subdivisions (b) and (d), references to "this division" have been substituted for the former reference to "this section." The former

reference was unclear, since former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546.5 did not provide for the issuance of orders. The reference has been corrected to include any of the orders issued under the Domestic Violence Prevention Act, this division of the Family Code.

**Fam. Code § 6222 (added). Order limiting visitation to situations where third person present**

6222. In making an award of temporary custody of a child pursuant to this division, if a domestic violence prevention order has been directed to a parent of the child, the court shall consider whether the best interest of the child requires that the visitation granted to that parent with respect to the child shall be limited to situations in which a third person, specified by the court, is present. A parent may submit to the court the name of a person that the parent considers suitable to be present during visitation. The determination of the best interest of the child pursuant to this section shall include the considerations specified in Section 3022. The court shall also consider in its deliberations the nature of the acts from which the parent was enjoined and the period of time that has elapsed since that order.

**Comment.** Section 6222 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 547.5 without substantive change. The phrase "domestic violence prevention order" has been substituted for the references to orders under specific sections formerly in the Civil Code and the Code of Civil Procedure. This is not a substantive change, since Section 6213 defines "domestic violence prevention order" to include these orders. See also Sections 3044 (parent convicted under certain Penal Code provisions not allowed unsupervised visitation), 3131 (action by district attorney where child taken or detained in violation of visitation order); Code Civ. Proc. § 917.7 (order not automatically stayed by appeal).

**Fam. Code § 6223 (added). Conditions for issuance of mutual restraining order**

6223. A mutual restraining order enjoining the parties from any of the acts described in Section 6320, may not be issued unless both parties personally appear and each party presents evidence of abuse or domestic violence.

**Comment.** Section 6223 continues without substantive change former Code of Civil Procedure Section 545.5, the second paragraph of former Civil Code Section 4359(a), and former Civil Code Section 7020(f). The reference to Section 6320 has been substituted for a specific list of acts. This is not a substantive change, since Section 6320 duplicates the omitted list. See also Sections 6203 ("abuse" defined), 6211 ("domestic violence" defined).

**Fam. Code § 6224 (added). Required statements in order**

6224. An order issued pursuant to this division shall state, on its face, the date of expiration of the order and the following statements in substantially the following form:

"This order is effective when made. The law enforcement agency shall enforce it immediately upon receipt. It is enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement agency that has received the order or is shown a copy of the order. If proof of service on the restrained person has not been received, the law enforcement agency shall advise the restrained person of the terms of the order and then shall enforce it."

**Comment.** Section 6224 continues without substantive change former Code of Civil Procedure Section 552, the first sentence of former Civil Code Section 4359(c), and former Civil Code Section 7020(c). This section generalizes the requirements of the former sections to apply to all orders issued pursuant to this division. This is not a substantive change. See Cal. R. Ct. 1285.05 (rev. July 1, 1987) (temporary restraining order in dissolution, nullity, or legal separation proceeding), 1296.10 (rev. Jan. 1, 1991) (order to show cause and temporary restraining order in proceeding pursuant to Domestic Violence Prevention Act or Uniform Parentage Act), 1296.29 (new July 1, 1991) (restraining order after hearing in dissolution, nullity, or legal separation or in proceedings under Domestic Violence Prevention Act or Uniform Parentage Act).

**Fam. Code § 6225 (added). Court to provide information to parties concerning terms and effect of order**

6225. The court, in issuing a domestic violence prevention order pursuant to this division where both parties are present in court, shall inform both the petitioner and the respondent of the terms of the order, including notice that the respondent is prohibited from purchasing or receiving or attempting to purchase or receive a firearm and including notice of the penalty for violation.

**Comment.** Section 6225 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 550(f) without substantive change. The reference to "domestic violence prevention order" has been substituted for the reference to an order "predicated on" what are now Sections 6320-6322. This is not a substantive change, since "domestic violence prevention order" has been defined to include the same orders. See Section 6213 ("domestic violence prevention order" defined). See also Gov't Code § 12021(g) (penalty for violation of firearm prohibition in restraining order).

**Fam. Code § 6226 (added). Explicit statement of address not required**

6226. A petition for an order pursuant to this division is valid and the order is enforceable without explicitly stating the address of the petitioner or the petitioner's place of residence, school, employment, the place where the petitioner's child is provided child care services, or the child's school.

**Comment.** Section 6226 generalizes and continues the last sentence of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 545 without substantive change. This section has been expanded to apply to orders contained in a judgment. The references to "petitioner" have been substituted for the former references to "applicant." This is not a substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 6227 (added). Reissuance of restraining order**

6227. (a) If the petitioner files an affidavit stating that the respondent could not be served within the time required by statute, the court may reissue an order previously issued and dissolved by the court for failure to serve the respondent.

(b) The reissued order shall state on its face the date of expiration of the order.

(c) No fee may be charged for the reissuance of the order unless the order has been dissolved three times previously.

**Comment.** Section 6227 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 527(b) without substantive change. The reference to "petitioner" has been substituted for the former reference to "applicant." This is not a substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 6228 (added). Support person for victim of domestic violence**

6228. (a) It is the function of a support person to provide moral and emotional support for a person who alleges he or she is a victim of domestic violence in the proceedings specified in this section.

(b) The support person shall assist the person who alleges he or she is a victim of domestic violence in feeling more confident that he or she will not be injured or threatened by the other party during the proceedings where the person who alleges he or she is a victim of domestic violence and the other party must be present in close proximity. The support person is not present as a legal advisor and shall not give legal advice.

(c) A support person may accompany either party to any proceeding to obtain a domestic violence prevention order. Where the party is not represented by an attorney, the support person may sit with the party at the table that is generally reserved for the party and the party's attorney.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if a court has issued a domestic violence prevention order, a support person may accompany a party protected by the domestic violence prevention order during a mediation session held pursuant to an action or proceeding under this code. The agency charged with providing family court services shall advise the party protected by the order of the right to have a support person during mediation. A mediator may exclude a support person from a mediation session if the support person participates in the mediation session, or acts as an advocate, or the presence of a particular support person is disruptive or disrupts the process of mediation. The presence of the support person does not waive the confidentiality of the mediation, and the support person is bound by the confidentiality of the mediation.

(e) In a proceeding subject to this section, a support person may accompany a party in court where there are allegations or threats of domestic violence and, where the party is not represented by an attorney, may sit with the party at the table that is generally reserved for the party and the party's attorney.

(f) Nothing in this section precludes a court from exercising its discretion to remove a person from the courtroom who it believes is prompting, swaying, or influencing the party protected by the order.

**Comment.** Section 6228 generalizes and continues former Civil Code Section 4351.6 without substantive change. The phrase "domestic violence prevention order" has been substituted for the references to orders under specific sections formerly in the Civil Code and the Code of Civil Procedure. Section 6213 defines "domestic violence prevention order" to include the orders formerly referred to, except Code of Civil Procedure 527.6, which provides for similar orders in situations not covered by this division. This is not a substantive change, since, insofar as former Civil Code Section 4351.6 applied to Code of Civil Procedure Section 527.6, the former section is continued in new subdivision (f) of Code of Civil Procedure Section 527.6. See Code Civ. Proc. § 527.6 (civil harassment orders) & Comment. See also Section 6211 ("domestic violence" defined).

In subdivision (d), a reference to "action or proceeding under this code" has been substituted for the former reference to "action or proceeding under this part," meaning the former Family

Law Act (former Part 5 (commencing with former Section 4000) of Division 4 of the Civil Code). This is not intended as a substantive change.

Former Civil Code Section 4351.6(e) has been omitted. This is not a substantive change, since the former subdivision duplicated a provision that is continued in Section 6228(b).

**Fam. Code § 6229 (added). Judicial Council forms and instructions**

6229. The Judicial Council shall prescribe the form of the orders and any other documents required by this division and shall promulgate instructions for applying for orders under this division.

**Comment.** Section 6229 continues without substantive change former Code of Civil Procedure Section 543, the first sentence of the third paragraph of subdivision (b) and the first sentence of the fourth paragraph of subdivision (c) of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546, and the last paragraph of former Civil Code Section 4359(a).

**Fam. Code § 6230 (added). Remedies cumulative**

6230. The remedies provided in this division are in addition to any other remedies, either civil or criminal, which may be available to the petitioner.

**Comment.** Section 6230 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 549 without substantive change. The word "petitioner" has been substituted for "plaintiff" to conform to revisions made to former law. See 1990 Cal. Stat. ch. 752.

## PART 3. EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDERS

### CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Fam. Code § 6240 (added). Definitions**

6240. As used in this part:

(a) "Emergency protective order" means an ex parte order issued under this part.

(b) "Judicial officer" means a judge, commissioner, or referee designated under Section 6241.

(c) "Law enforcement officer" means one of the following officers who requests or enforces an emergency protective order under this part:

(1) A police officer.

(2) A sheriff's officer.

(3) A peace officer of the Department of Parks and Recreation, as defined in subdivision (g) of Section 830.2 of the Penal Code.

**Comment.** Section 6240 is a new section that defines several terms for the purposes of this part relating exclusively to emergency protective orders. The terms "judicial officer" and "law enforcement officer" are consistent with the Judicial Council form for the emergency protective order. See Cal. R. Ct. 1295.90 (rev. Jan. 1, 1992).

Provisions concerning emergency protective orders relating to domestic violence from former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(b) and provisions concerning emergency protective orders relating to child abuse from former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(c) have been unified to the extent practicable in this part. This approach is consistent with the unified Judicial Council form for the emergency protective order.

**Fam. Code § 6241 (added). Designation of judicial officer to orally issue ex parte emergency protective order**

6241. The presiding judge of the superior court in each county shall designate at least one judge, commissioner, or referee to be reasonably available to issue orally, by telephone or otherwise, emergency protective orders at all times whether or not the court is in session.

**Comment.** Section 6241 continues without substantive change the first sentence of the first paragraph of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(b). See Section 6240(b) ("judicial officer" defined by reference to this section). See also Section 6240(a) ("emergency protective order" defined).

**CHAPTER 2. ISSUANCE AND EFFECT OF EMERGENCY PROTECTIVE ORDER**

**Fam. Code § 6250 (added). Grounds for ex parte emergency protective order**

6250. The judicial officer may issue an ex parte emergency protective order where a law enforcement officer asserts reasonable grounds to believe either or both of the following:

(a) That a person is in immediate and present danger of domestic violence, based on the person's allegation of a recent incident of abuse or threat of abuse by the person against whom the order is sought.

(b) That a child is in immediate and present danger of abuse by a family or household member, based on an allegation of a recent incident of abuse or threat of abuse by the family or household member.

**Comment.** Section 6250 continues without substantive change the second sentence of the first paragraph of subdivision (b) and the second sentence of the first paragraph of subdivision (c) of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546. In subdivision (a), the phrase "by the person against whom the order is sought" has been added. This is not intended as a substantive change. See Sections 6203 ("abuse" defined), 6211 ("domestic violence" defined).

With regard to orders issued under subdivision (b), the effect of the definition of "law enforcement officer" in Section 6240(c) is to provide authority for park police to seek orders in child abuse situations. This is consistent with the Judicial Council form for the emergency protective order. See Cal. R. Ct. 1295.90 (rev. Jan. 1, 1992).

See also Sections 6240(a) ("emergency protective order" defined), 6240(b) ("judicial officer" defined).

**Fam. Code § 6251 (added). Finding required to issue order**

6251. An emergency protective order may be issued only if the judicial officer finds both of the following:

(a) That reasonable grounds have been asserted to believe that an immediate and present danger of domestic violence exists or that a child is in immediate and present danger of abuse.

(b) That an emergency protective order is necessary to prevent the occurrence or recurrence of domestic violence or child abuse.

**Comment.** Section 6251 continues without substantive change the first sentence of the second paragraph of subdivision (b) and the first sentence of the second paragraph of subdivision (c) of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546. See also Sections 6203 ("abuse" defined), 6211

("domestic violence" defined), 6240(a) ("emergency protective order" defined), 6240(b) ("judicial officer" defined).

**Fam. Code § 6252 (added). Orders included in emergency protective order**

6252. An emergency protective order may include any of the following specific orders as appropriate:

- (a) Orders set forth in Sections 6320, 6321, and 6322.
- (b) An order determining the temporary care and control of any minor children of the endangered person and the person against whom the order is sought.
- (c) An order authorized in Section 213.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, including provisions placing the temporary care and control of the endangered child and any other minor children in the family or household with the parent or guardian of the endangered child who is not a restrained party.

**Comment.** The introductory clause and subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 6252 continue without substantive change the third sentence of the first paragraph of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(b).

The introductory clause and subdivision (c) continue without substantive change the second sentence of the first paragraph of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(c). The reference to the "legal" guardian has been omitted as surplus. This conforms with terminology in the Probate Code. See Prob. Code §§ 2350(b), 2400(b) ("guardian" defined).

See also Sections 6203 ("abuse" defined), 6211 ("domestic violence" defined), 6240(a) ("emergency protective order" defined).

**Fam. Code § 6253 (added). Contents of order**

6253. An emergency protective order shall include all of the following:

- (a) A statement of the grounds asserted for the order.
- (b) The date and time the order expires.
- (c) The address of the superior court for the district or county in which the endangered person resides.
- (d) The following statements, which shall be printed in English and Spanish:
  - (1) "To the Protected Party: This order will last only until the date and time noted above. If you wish to seek continuing protection, you will have to apply for an order from the court, at the address noted above. You may seek the advice of an attorney as to any matter connected with your application for any future court orders. The attorney should be consulted promptly so that the attorney may assist you in making your application."
  - (2) "To the Restrained Party: This order will last until the date noted above. The protected party may, however, obtain a more permanent restraining order from the court. You may seek the advice of an attorney as to any matter connected with the application. The attorney should be consulted promptly so that the attorney may assist you in responding to the application."
- (e) In the case of an endangered child, the following statement, which shall be printed in English and Spanish: "This order will last only until the date and time noted above. A more permanent restraining order under Section 213.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code may be applied for from the court, at the address



noted above. You may seek the advice of an attorney in connection with the application for a more permanent restraining order.”

**Comment.** Section 6253 continues without substantive change the parts of the second paragraphs of subdivisions (b) and (c) of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546 that enumerated the contents of an emergency protective order. The language concerning attorney advice in subdivision (e) has been conformed to the language of subdivision (d)(1). See also Section 6240(a) (“emergency protective order” defined).

**Fam. Code § 6254 (added). Availability of emergency protective order**

**6254.** The fact that the endangered person has left the household to avoid abuse does not affect the availability of an emergency protective order.

**Comment.** Section 6254 continues without substantive change the seventh paragraph of subdivision (b) and the seventh paragraph of subdivision (c) of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546. The endangered person may be an adult or a child. See also Section 6203 (“abuse” defined), 6240(a) (“emergency protective order” defined).

**Fam. Code § 6255 (added). Issuance of ex parte emergency protective order**

**6255.** An emergency protective order shall be issued without prejudice to any party.

**Comment.** Section 6255 continues without substantive change the last sentence of the first paragraph of subdivision (b) and the last sentence of the first paragraph of subdivision (c) of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546. See also Section 6240(a) (“emergency protective order” defined).

**Fam. Code § 6256 (added). Expiration of order**

**6256.** An emergency protective order expires not later than the close of judicial business on the second day of judicial business following the day of its issuance.

**Comment.** Section 6256 continues without substantive change the sixth paragraph of subdivision (b) and the third sentence of the first paragraph of subdivision (c) of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546. See also Section 6240(a) (“emergency protective order” defined).

**Fam. Code § 6257 (added). Application for more permanent restraining order**

**6257.** If an emergency protective order concerns an endangered child, the child’s parent or guardian who is not a restrained party, or a person having temporary custody of the endangered child, may apply for a more permanent restraining order under Section 213.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

**Comment.** Section 6257 continues the third paragraph of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(c) without substantive change. For provisions relating to orders concerning endangered children, see Section 6250(b), 6251(a), 6252(b)-(c). See also Section 6240(a) (“emergency protective order” defined). The reference to the “legal” guardian has been omitted as surplus. This conforms with terminology in the Probate Code. See Prob. Code §§ 2350(b), 2400(b) (“guardian” defined).

## CHAPTER 3. DUTIES OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

### **Fam. Code § 6270 (added). Reducing order to writing and signing order**

6270. A law enforcement officer who requests an emergency protective order shall reduce the order to writing and sign it.

**Comment.** Section 6242 continues without substantive change the second sentence of the second paragraph of subdivision (b) and the second sentence of the second paragraph of subdivision (c) of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546. The requirement of this section is satisfied by use of the Judicial Council form. See Cal. R. Ct. 1295.90 (rev. Jan. 1, 1992). See also Sections 6240(a) ("emergency protective order" defined), 6240(c) ("law enforcement officer" defined).

### **Fam. Code § 6271 (added). Service, filing, and delivery of order**

6271. A law enforcement officer who requests an emergency protective order shall do all of the following:

(a) Serve the order on the restrained party, if the restrained party can reasonably be located.

(b) Give a copy of the order to the protected party or, if the protected party is a minor child, to a parent or guardian of the endangered child who is not a restrained party, if the parent or guardian can be reasonably located, or to a person having temporary custody of the endangered child.

(c) File a copy of the order with the court as soon as practicable after issuance.

**Comment.** Section 6271 continues without substantive change the fifth paragraph of subdivision (b) and the sixth paragraph of subdivision (c) of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546. References to the "legal" guardian have been omitted as surplus. This conforms with terminology in the Probate Code. See Prob. Code §§ 2350(b), 2400(b) ("guardian" defined).

See Section 6252 (b)-(c) (orders concerning endangered child). See also Sections 6240(a) ("emergency protective order" defined), 6240(c) ("law enforcement officer" defined).

### **Fam. Code § 6272 (added). Means of enforcement; protection of officer from liability**

6272. (a) A law enforcement officer shall use every reasonable means to enforce an emergency protective order.

(b) A law enforcement officer who acts in good faith to enforce an emergency protective order under this section is not civilly or criminally liable.

**Comment.** Section 6272 continues without substantive change the last paragraph of subdivision (b) and the last paragraph of subdivision (c) of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546. See also Sections 6240(a) ("emergency protective order" defined), 6240(c) ("law enforcement officer" defined).

### **Fam. Code § 6273 (added). Officer to carry copies of order**

6273. A law enforcement officer who requests an emergency protective order under this part shall carry copies of the order.

**Comment.** Section 6273 continues without substantive change the fourth paragraph of subdivision (b) and the fifth paragraph of subdivision (c) of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546. See also Sections 6240(a) ("emergency protective order" defined), 6240(c) ("law enforcement officer" defined).

## PART 4. RESTRAINING ORDERS

### CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Fam. Code § 6300 (added). Issuance on affidavit showing reasonable proof of past act or acts of abuse**

6300. A restraining order may be granted pursuant to this division, with or without notice, to restrain any person upon an affidavit which, to the satisfaction of the court, shows reasonable proof of a past act or acts of abuse for the purpose of preventing a recurrence of domestic violence and ensuring a period of separation of the persons involved.

**Comment.** Section 6300 continues the first sentence of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 545 without substantive change. The former reference to a "temporary" restraining order has been omitted, for consistency with other sections in this part. This is not a substantive change. See also Sections 6203 ("abuse" defined), 6211 ("domestic violence" defined).

For general provisions relating to ex parte restraining orders, see Part 4 (commencing with Section 240) of Division 2.

**Fam. Code § 6301 (added). Persons who may be granted restraining order**

6301. (a) A restraining order may be granted pursuant to this division to any person described in Section 6211.

(b) The right to petition for relief shall not be denied because the petitioner has vacated the household to avoid abuse, and in the case of a marital relationship, notwithstanding that a petition for dissolution of marriage, for nullity of marriage, or for legal separation of the parties, has not been filed.

**Comment.** Section 6301 continues the second and third sentences of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 545 without substantive change. A reference to Section 6211 has been substituted for the reference to former Code of Civil Procedure Section 542. This is not a substantive change, since the relevant part of the former section is continued in Section 6211. The former reference to a "temporary" restraining order has been omitted, for consistency with other sections in this part. This is not a substantive change. See also Section 6203 ("abuse" defined).

**Fam. Code § 6302 (added). Notice in restraining order**

6302. A restraining order shall set forth on its face a notice in substantially the following form:

"NOTICE TO RESTRAINED PARTY: If you do not appear at the court hearing specified herein, the court may grant the requested orders for a period of up to 3 years without further notice to you."

**Comment.** Section 6302 continues the second paragraph of Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(a) and former Civil Code Section 4359(d) without substantive change. A reference to "restrained party" has been substituted for a former reference to "defendant" in former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(a). The former reference to "Petitioner/Respondent" in former Civil Code Section 4359(d) has been replaced by the reference to "Restrained Party." This is not a substantive change. See Cal. R. Ct. 1296.10 (rev. Jan. 1, 1991) (order to show cause and restraining order). The former reference to a "temporary" restraining order has been omitted, for consistency with other sections in this part. This is not a substantive change.

## CHAPTER 2. EX PARTE ORDERS

### **Fam. Code § 6320 (added). Enjoining harassment, threats, and violence**

6320. On application by a party, the court may issue an ex parte order enjoining another party from contacting, molesting, attacking, striking, threatening, sexually assaulting, battering, telephoning, or disturbing the peace of the other party, and, in the discretion of the court, on a showing of good cause, of other named family and household members.

**Comment.** Section 6320 restates without substantive change former Code of Civil Procedure Section 542(d) and part of the first sentence of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(a), and continues without substantive change former Civil Code Sections 4359(a)(2) and 7020(a)(1). A reference to the "superior" court has been omitted as surplus. See Section 200 (jurisdiction in superior court). The former reference to Code of Civil Procedure Section 527 has been omitted. This is not a substantive change. See Section 240 & Comment.

For general provisions relating to ex parte restraining orders, see Part 4 (commencing with Section 240) of Division 2. See also Section 6223 (conditions for issuance of mutual restraining order).

### **Fam. Code § 6321 (added). Exclusion from dwelling**

6321. On application by a party, the court may issue an ex parte order excluding one party from the family dwelling, the dwelling of the other spouse, the common dwelling of both parties, or the dwelling of the party who has care, custody, and control of a child to be protected from domestic violence for the period of time and on the conditions the court determines, regardless of which party holds legal or equitable title or is the lessee of the dwelling, on a showing of all of the following:

(a) Facts sufficient for the court to ascertain that the petitioner has a right under color of law to possession of the premises.

(b) The party to be excluded has assaulted or threatens to assault the other party or any other person under the care, custody, and control of the other party, or any minor child of the parties or of the other party.

(c) Physical or emotional harm would otherwise result to the other party, to any person under the care, custody, and control of the other party, or to any minor child of the parties or of the other party.

**Comment.** Section 6321 restates without substantive change part of the first sentence of Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(a), and continues without substantive change the last paragraph of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(a) and former Civil Code Sections 4359(a)(3) and 7020(a)(2). This section supersedes the third part of former Civil Code Section 5102(a). The reference to "the common dwelling of both parties" is drawn from former Civil Code Section 7020(b). This is not intended as a substantive change, but rather is added to clarify application of the section to unmarried parties. A reference to the "superior" court has been omitted as surplus. See Section 200 (jurisdiction in superior court). The former reference to Code of Civil Procedure Section 527 has been omitted. This is not a substantive change. See Section 240 & Comment.

For general provisions relating to ex parte restraining orders, see Part 4 (commencing with Section 240) of Division 2.

**Fam. Code § 6322 (added). Enjoining additional specified behaviors**

6322. On application by a party, the court may issue an ex parte order enjoining a party from specified behavior that the court determines is necessary to effectuate orders under Section 6320 or 6321.

**Comment.** Section 6322 restates without substantive change part of the first sentence of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(a), and continues without substantive change former Civil Code Sections 4359(a)(6) and 7020(a)(3). A reference to the "superior" court has been omitted as surplus. See Section 200 (jurisdiction in superior court). The former reference to Code of Civil Procedure Section 527 has been omitted. This is not a substantive change. See Section 240 & Comment.

For general provisions relating to ex parte restraining orders, see Part 4 (commencing with Section 240) of Division 2.

**Fam. Code § 6323 (added). Determining temporary custody and visitation**

6323. On application by a party, the court may issue an ex parte order determining the temporary custody of a minor child, and, if the applicant is a married person, the right of the spouse to visit the minor child on the conditions the court determines.

**Comment.** Section 6323 restates without substantive change part of the first sentence of Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(a), and continues without substantive change former Civil Code Sections 4359(a)(4) and 7020(a)(4). Former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(a) did not provide authorization to determine visitation of a child where the petitioner and respondent were not married. The provision in former Civil Code Section 7020(a)(4) allowing a determination of visitation with a child who is the subject of a proceeding under the Uniform Parentage Act has been omitted. This is not intended as a substantive change. See Cal. R. Ct. 1296.10 (rev. Jan. 1, 1991) (order to show cause and temporary restraining order). A reference to the "superior" court has been omitted as surplus. See Section 200 (jurisdiction in superior court). The former reference to Code of Civil Procedure Section 527 has been omitted. This is not a substantive change. See Section 240 & Comment.

For general provisions relating to ex parte restraining orders, see Part 4 (commencing with Section 240) of Division 2. See also Sections 11 (reference to married person includes formerly married person), 6222 (order limiting visitation to situations where third person present).

**Fam. Code § 6324 (added). Determining temporary use of property**

6324. On application by a party, the court may issue an ex parte order determining the temporary use, possession, and control of real or personal property of the parties.

**Comment.** Section 6324 restates without substantive change part of the first sentence of Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(a), and continues without substantive change part of former Civil Code Section 4359(a)(5). Former Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(a) did not provide for issuance of an ex parte order determining temporary use of property for unmarried parties. This section has been generalized to allow this order. This is not a substantive change, since the Judicial Council form allows this order. See Cal. R. Ct. 1296.10 (rev. Jan. 1, 1991) (order to show cause and temporary restraining order). A reference to the "superior" court has been omitted as surplus. See Section 200 (jurisdiction in superior court). The former reference to Code of Civil Procedure Section 527 has been omitted. This is not a substantive change. See Section 240 & Comment.

For general provisions relating to ex parte restraining orders, see Part 4 (commencing with Section 240) of Division 2.

**Fam. Code § 6325 (added). Restraints on community, quasi-community, and separate property and determination of payment of debts**

**6325.** On application by a married person, the court may issue the following ex parte orders:

(a) An order restraining any person from transferring, encumbering, hypothecating, concealing, or in any way disposing of any property, real or personal, whether community, quasi-community, or separate, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life, and if the order is directed against a party, requiring that party to notify the other party of any proposed extraordinary expenditures and to account to the court for all extraordinary expenditures.

(b) An order determining payment of any liens or encumbrances coming due during the pendency of the order.

**Comment.** Section 6325 restates without substantive change part of the first sentence of Code of Civil Procedure Section 546(a), and continues without substantive change former Civil Code Section 4359(a)(1) and part of former Civil Code Section 4359(a)(5). A reference to the "superior" court has been omitted as surplus. See Section 200 (jurisdiction in superior court). The former reference to Code of Civil Procedure Section 527 has been omitted. This is not a substantive change. See Section 240 & Comment.

For general provisions relating to ex parte restraining orders, see Part 4 (commencing with Section 240) of Division 2. See also Section 11 (reference to married person includes formerly married person).

### CHAPTER 3. ORDERS ISSUABLE AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING

**Fam. Code § 6340 (added). Orders that may be issued ex parte**

**6340.** After notice and hearing, the court may issue any of the following orders:

(a) Subject to subdivision (b), an order described in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 6320).

(b) An order excluding one party from the family dwelling, the dwelling of the other spouse, the common dwelling of both parties, or the dwelling of the party who has care, custody, and control of a child to be protected from domestic violence when the court finds that physical or emotional harm would otherwise result to the other party, to a person under the care, custody, and control of the other party, or to a minor child of the parties or of the other party.

(c) An order determining the right of a party to visit the minor child on the conditions the court determines.

**Comment.** Section 6340 generalizes and continues without substantive change former Code of Civil Procedure Section 547(a), the last part of former Civil Code Section 5102(a), and the first two sentences of former Civil Code Section 7020(b). In subdivision (b), the phrase "when the court finds" has been substituted for inconsistent references in the former sections to a "showing" by the petitioner and a "finding" by the court.

This section generalizes the former sections as follows:

(1) The former Family Law Act, applicable to proceedings for dissolution, nullity, and legal separation, did not contain a provision for orders after hearing, except in the case of former Civil Code Section 5102 which provided for orders excluding a party from a dwelling. This section makes it clear that any of the orders described in Section 6320 may be issued after notice and

hearing in a proceeding for dissolution, nullity or legal separation. This is not a substantive change. See Cal. R. Ct. 1296.29 (new July 1, 1991) (restraining order after hearing).

(2) Former Code of Civil Procedure Section 547(a) did not provide authorization to determine visitation of a child where the petitioner and respondent were not married. The provision in former Civil Code Section 7020(b) allowing a determination of visitation with a child who is the subject of a proceeding under the Uniform Parentage Act has been generalized to apply to other unmarried parents. This is not a substantive change. See Cal. R. Ct. 1296.31A (new July 1, 1991) (child custody and visitation order attachment).

(3) Former Civil Code Section 7020(b) did not provide for orders determining the temporary use of property in a proceeding under the Uniform Parentage Act. This section generalizes former Code of Civil Procedure Section 547(a) which provided for these orders as between unmarried parties in a proceeding under the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. This is not a substantive change. See Cal. R. Ct. 1296.31E (new Jan. 1, 1992) (domestic violence miscellaneous orders attachment).

**Fam. Code § 6341 (added). Payment of child support by presumed father**

6341. (a) After notice and a hearing, where there exists a presumption that the respondent is the natural father of a minor child pursuant to Section 7611, and the child is in the custody of the petitioner, the court may order a party to pay an amount necessary for the support and maintenance of the child if the order would otherwise be authorized in an action brought pursuant to the Uniform Parentage Act (Part 3 (commencing with Section 7600) of Division 12).

(b) An order made pursuant to this section shall be without prejudice in an action brought pursuant to the Uniform Parentage Act (Part 3 (commencing with Section 7600) of Division 12).

**Comment.** Section 6341 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 547(b) without substantive change. The short title of the uniform act has been added before the citation. This is not a substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 6342 (added). Payment of restitution for loss of earnings and out-of-pocket expenses**

6342. After notice and a hearing, the court may issue any of the following orders:

(a) An order that restitution be paid to the family or household member for loss of earnings and out-of-pocket expenses, including, but not limited to, expenses for medical care and temporary housing, incurred as a direct result of the abuse inflicted by the respondent or any actual physical injuries sustained therefrom.

(b) An order that restitution be paid by petitioner for out-of-pocket expenses incurred by a party as a result of any order issued ex parte which is found by the court to have been issued upon facts shown at a noticed hearing to be insufficient to support the order.

(c) An order requiring that the respondent shall pay any public or private agency for the reasonable cost of providing services to a family or household member required as a direct result of the abuse inflicted by the respondent or any actual injuries sustained therefrom.

(d) An order for restitution under this section shall not include damages for pain and suffering.

**Comment.** Section 6342 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 547(c) and the last two sentences of former Civil Code Section 7020(b) without substantive change. See also Section 6203 ("abuse" defined).

**Fam. Code § 6343 (added). Participation in counseling**

6343. (a) Subject to subdivision (d), after notice and a hearing, the court may issue an order requiring any party to participate in counseling with a licensed mental health professional, or through other community programs and services that provide appropriate counseling, including, but not limited to, mental health or substance abuse services, where it is shown that the parties intend to continue to reside in the same household or have continued to reside in the same household after previous instances of domestic violence. The court may also order a restrained party to participate in batterer's treatment counseling.

(b) Where there has been a history of domestic violence between the parties and an order described in Section 6320 is in effect, at the request of the party protected by the order, the parties shall participate in counseling separately and at separate times.

(c) The court shall fix the costs and shall order the entire cost of the services to be borne by the parties in such proportions as the court deems reasonable.

(d) Before issuing the court order requiring counseling, the court shall find that the financial burden created by the court order for counseling does not otherwise jeopardize a party's other financial obligations.

**Comment.** Section 6343 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 547(d) without substantive change. In subdivision (b), the reference to an order described in Section 6320 has been substituted for the former reference to "protective" order. This is not a substantive change. See also Section 6211 ("domestic violence" defined).

**Fam. Code § 6344 (added). Payment of attorney's fees and costs**

6344. After notice and a hearing, the court may issue an order for the payment of attorney's fees and costs of the prevailing party.

**Comment.** Section 6344 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 547(e) without substantive change. See also Sections 270-275 (general provisions for attorney's fees and costs).

**Fam. Code § 6345 (added). Duration of restraining order granted after notice and hearing**

6345. A restraining order granted after notice and a hearing pursuant to this division, in the discretion of the court, shall have a duration of not more than three years, unless otherwise terminated or extended by further order of the court either on written stipulation filed with the court or on the motion of any party.

**Comment.** Section 6345 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 548 and the third sentence of former Civil Code Section 7020(b) without substantive change. The requirement that the stipulation be written has been generalized. Former Civil Code Section 7020(b) did not contain a writing requirement, but rather allowed stipulation by "mutual consent."



## CHAPTER 4. ORDERS INCLUDED IN JUDGMENT

### **Fam. Code § 6360 (added). Orders included in judgment**

6360. A judgment entered under this code may include any of the orders described in Sections 6320, 6321, and 6322.

**Comment.** Section 6360 continues without substantive change and generalizes the first sentences of former Civil Code Sections 4458, 4516, and 7021. The former sections applied only to judgments pursuant to the former Family Law Act and the Uniform Parentage Act, whereas this section allows the inclusion of these orders in any judgment under this code. See also Sections 6380 (transmittal to local law enforcement agency), 6388 (criminal penalty for violation of order).

### **Fam. Code § 6361 (added). Statements required where order included in judgment**

6361. If an order is included in a judgment pursuant to Section 6360, the judgment shall state on its face both of the following:

- (a) Which provisions of the judgment are the orders.
- (b) The date of expiration of the orders, which shall be not more than three years from the date the judgment is issued unless extended by the court after notice and hearing.

**Comment.** Section 6361 continues without substantive change and generalizes the second sentences of former Civil Code Sections 4458, 4516, and 7021. The former sections applied only to judgments pursuant to the former Family Law Act and the Uniform Parentage Act, whereas this section allows the inclusion of these orders in any judgment under this code. See also Sections 6380 (transmittal to local law enforcement agency), 6388 (criminal penalty for violation of order).

## PART 5. REGISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS

### **Fam. Code § 6380 (added). Transmittal to local law enforcement agency**

6380. The court shall order the petitioner or the attorney for the petitioner to deliver, or the county clerk to mail, a copy of an order granted pursuant to this division, or an extension, modification, or termination of the order, and any subsequent proof of service, by the close of the business day on which the order, extension, modification, or termination was granted, to each local law enforcement agency designated by the petitioner or the attorney for the petitioner having jurisdiction over the residence of the petitioner, the residence of a party with care, custody, and control of a child to be protected from domestic violence, and other locations where the court determines that acts of domestic violence against the petitioner and any other person protected by the order are likely to occur.

**Comment.** Section 6380 continues without substantive change the first sentence of the first paragraph of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 550(a), the first sentence of the first paragraph of former Civil Code Section 4359(b), the first sentence of former Civil Code Section 7020(e), and the third sentences of former Civil Code Sections 4458, 4516, and 7021. The reference to other locations where the court determines that acts of violence against "any other person protected by the order" are likely to occur has been added. This conforms this section to

Section 6320 which allows the court to extend the protection of the order to other named family and household members. See also Section 6211 ("domestic violence" defined).

**Fam. Code § 6381 (added). Enforcement of order**

6381. (a) Notwithstanding Section 6380 and subject to subdivision (b), an order issued pursuant to this division is enforceable in any place in this state.

(b) An order issued pursuant to this division is not enforceable by a law enforcement agency of a political subdivision unless that law enforcement agency has received a copy of the order pursuant to Section 6380 or has otherwise received a copy of the order or the officer enforcing the order has been shown a copy of the order.

**Comment.** Section 6381 generalizes and continues the last paragraph of former Civil Code Section 4359(b) without substantive change. The former section applied only to the former Family Law Act.

**Fam. Code § 6382 (added). Availability of information concerning order**

6382. Each appropriate law enforcement agency shall make available to any law enforcement officer responding to the scene of reported domestic violence, through an existing system for verification, information as to the existence, terms, and current status of an order issued pursuant to this division.

**Comment.** Section 6382 continues without substantive change the first sentence of the second paragraph of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 550(a), the last sentence of the first paragraph of former Civil Code Section 4359(b), and the last sentence of former Civil Code Section 7020(e). See also Section 6211 ("domestic violence" defined).

**Fam. Code § 6383 (added). Service of restraining order by law enforcement officer**

6383. (a) A domestic violence prevention order issued pursuant to this division may, upon request of the petitioner, be served upon the respondent by any law enforcement officer who is present at the scene of reported domestic violence involving the parties to the action.

(b) The moving party shall provide the officer with an endorsed copy of the order and a proof of service which the officer shall complete and transmit to the issuing court.

(c) It shall be a rebuttable presumption that the proof of service was signed on the date of service.

**Comment.** Section 6383 generalizes and continues without substantive change the last two sentences of the second paragraph of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 550(a), former Code of Civil Procedure Section 550(h), former Civil Code Section 4359(e), and former Civil Code Section 7020(g). The reference to a "domestic violence prevention order" has been substituted for former references to specific orders found in the former Civil Code provisions. This is not a substantive change, since "domestic violence prevention orders" are defined to include the same orders. See Section 6213 ("domestic violence prevention order" defined). The reference to "domestic violence prevention order" also supersedes the use of the phrase "restraining order against domestic violence" used in former Code of Civil Procedure Section 550(a). See also Section 6211 ("domestic violence" defined).

**Fam. Code § 6384 (added). When personal service not required**

6384. (a) If a person named in a restraining order issued pursuant to this division has not been served personally with the order but has received actual notice of the existence and substance of the order through personal appearance in court to hear the terms of the order from the court, no additional proof of service is required for enforcement of that order.

(b) The judicial forms for restraining orders shall contain a statement in substantially the following form:

**"NO ADDITIONAL PROOF OF SERVICE IS REQUIRED IF THE FACE OF THIS FORM INDICATES THAT BOTH PARTIES WERE PERSONALLY PRESENT AT THE HEARING WHERE THE ORDER WAS ISSUED."**

**Comment.** Subdivision (a) of Section 6384 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 550(e) without substantive change. In subdivision (a), a reference to this division has been substituted for the former reference to "this section." The former reference was unclear, since former Code of Civil Procedure Section 550 did not provide for the issuance of orders. The reference has been corrected to include any of the orders issued under the Domestic Violence Prevention Act, now this division of the Family Code.

Subdivision (b) of Section 6384 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 550(g) without substantive change. The former reference to "temporary restraining orders or restraining orders issued after a hearing" has been replaced by a reference to "restraining orders." This is not a substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 6385 (added). Notice to Department of Justice**

6385. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), upon receipt of a copy of a domestic violence prevention order issued pursuant to this division, together with the subsequent proof of service thereof, the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the residence of the petitioner shall immediately notify the Department of Justice regarding the name, race, date of birth, and other personal descriptive information as required by a form prescribed by the Department of Justice, the date of issuance of the order, and the duration of the order or its expiration date.

(b) Proof of service of the order is not required for the purposes of this section if the order indicates on its face that both parties were personally present at the hearing where the order was issued and that, for the purpose of Section 6384, no proof of service is required.

(c) The failure of the petitioner to provide the Department of Justice with the personal descriptive information regarding the person restrained does not invalidate the restraining order.

(d) If a court issues a modification, extension, or termination of the order described in subdivision (a), the court shall notify the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the residence of the petitioner. The law enforcement agency shall then immediately notify the Department of Justice.

(e) There shall be no civil liability on the part of, and no cause of action shall arise against, an employee of a local law enforcement agency or the Department of Justice, acting within the scope of employment, if a person described in

subdivision (g) of Section 12021 of the Penal Code unlawfully purchases or receives or attempts to purchase or receive a firearm and a person is injured by that firearm or a person who is otherwise entitled to receive a firearm is denied a firearm and either wrongful action is due to a failure of a court to provide the notification provided for in this section.

**Comment.** Section 6385 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 550(b)-(d) without substantive change. The word "petitioner" has been substituted for "plaintiff" to conform to revisions made to former law. See 1990 Cal. Stat. ch. 752. The former section has been revised to correct cross-references. The reference to "domestic violence prevention order" has been substituted for the reference to an order based on what are now Sections 6320-6322. This is not a substantive change, since "domestic violence prevention order" has been defined to include the same orders. See Section 6213 ("domestic violence prevention order" defined). See also Section 6225 (court to provide information to parties concerning terms and effect of order); Penal Code § 12021(g) (criminal penalty for acquiring firearm while subject to restraining order against domestic violence).

**Fam. Code § 6386 (added). Appointment of counsel and payment if fees and costs to enforce order**

6386. (a) The court may, in its discretion, appoint counsel to represent the petitioner in a proceeding to enforce the terms of a domestic violence prevention order issued pursuant to this division.

(b) In a proceeding in which private counsel was appointed by the court pursuant to subdivision (a), the court may order the respondent to pay reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred by the petitioner.

**Comment.** Section 6386 restates former Code of Civil Procedure Section 553 without substantive change. The words "petitioner" and "respondent" have been substituted for "plaintiff" and "defendant" to conform to revisions made to former law. See 1990 Cal. Stat. ch. 752. The reference to "domestic violence prevention order" has been substituted for the reference to an order based on what are now Sections 6320-6322. This is not a substantive change, since "domestic violence prevention order" has been defined to include the same orders. See Section 6213 ("domestic violence prevention order" defined). See also Sections 270-275 (general provisions for attorney's fees and costs).

**Fam. Code § 6387 (added). Clerk to provide petitioner with copies of order**

6387. The court shall order the county clerk to provide, without cost, to a petitioner five certified, stamped, and endorsed copies of an order, and of an extension, modification, or termination of an order granted pursuant to this division.

**Comment.** Section 6387 continues without substantive change the last sentence of the first paragraph of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 550(a).

**Fam. Code § 6388 (added). Criminal penalty for violation of order**

6388. A willful and knowing violation of a domestic violence prevention order issued pursuant to this division is a crime punishable under Section 273.6 of the Penal Code.

**Comment.** Section 6388 continues without substantive change former Code of Civil Procedure Section 551, the last sentence of former Civil Code Section 4359(c), former Civil Code Section

7020(h), and the last sentences of former Civil Code Section 4458, 4516, and 7021. The reference to "domestic violence prevention order" has been substituted for the reference to an order based on what are now Sections 6320-6322. This is not a substantive change, since "domestic violence prevention order" has been defined to include the same orders. See Section 6213 ("domestic violence prevention order" defined).

## DIVISION 12. PARENT AND CHILD RELATIONSHIP

### PART 3. UNIFORM PARENTAGE ACT

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. The heading of Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 7700) of Part 3 of Division 12 of the Family Code is amended to read:

#### CHAPTER 6. ~~PROTECTIVE AND TEMPORARY CUSTODY~~ RESTRAINING ORDERS

**Fam. Code §§ 7710-7711 (repealed). Ex parte orders**

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. Article 2 (commencing with Section 7710) of Chapter 6 of Part 3 of Division 12 of the Family Code is repealed.

**Fam. Code § 7710 (repealed). Orders issuable ex parte**

**Interim Comment.** Section 7710 is continued in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 6320 of Part 4 of Division 10. without substantive change. A new Section 7710 is added to refer to the general domestic violence statute.

**Fam. Code § 7711 (repealed). Limitation on issuance of mutual restraining order**

**Interim Comment.** Section 7711 is continued in Section 6223 without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 7710 (added). Ex parte orders**

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. Article 2 (commencing with Section 7710) is added to Chapter 6 of Part 3 of Division 12 of the Family Code, to read:

#### Article 2. Ex Parte Orders

**Fam. Code § 7710 (added). Ex parte restraining orders**

7710. During the pendency of a proceeding under this part, upon application, the court may issue ex parte restraining orders as provided in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 6320) of Part 4 of Division 10.

**Comment.** Section 7710 is new. This section provides a reference to the chapter in Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act) that contains the substantive provisions for the issuance of ex parte restraining orders. See Section 6200 Comment (consolidation of substantive provisions regarding issuance of restraining orders intended to prevent domestic violence).

**Fam. Code §§ 7720-7722 (repealed). Orders issuable after notice and hearing**

SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. Article 3 (commencing with Section 7720) of Chapter 6 of Part 3 of Division 12 of the Family Code is repealed.

**Fam. Code § 7720 (repealed). Orders issuable after notice and hearing**

**Interim Comment.** Section 7720 is continued in Sections 6340 and 6342 without substantive change. A new Section 7720 is added to refer to the general domestic violence statute.

**Fam. Code § 7721 (repealed). Order excluding party from dwelling on showing that physical or emotional harm would result**

**Interim Comment.** Section 7721 is continued in Section 6340 without substantive change .

**Fam. Code § 7722 (repealed). Duration of restraining order granted after notice and hearing**

**Interim Comment.** Section 7722 is continued in Section 6345 without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 7720 (added). Orders issuable after notice and hearing**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Article 3 (commencing with Section 7720) is added to Chapter 6 of Part 3 of Division 12 of the Family Code, to read:

**Article 3. Orders Issuable After Notice and Hearing**

**Fam. Code § 7720 (added). Orders issuable after notice and hearing**

**7720.** After notice and a hearing, the court may issue restraining orders as provided in Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 6340) of Part 4 of Division 10.

**Comment.** Section 7720 is new. This section provides a reference to the chapter in Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act) that contains the substantive provisions for the issuance of restraining orders after notice and hearing. See Section 6200 Comment (consolidation of substantive provisions regarding issuance of restraining orders intended to prevent domestic violence).

The former provisions for issuance of orders after notice and hearing in a proceeding under the Uniform Parentage Act did not provide for issuance of the orders in Sections 6343 (counseling) or 6344 (attorneys fees and costs). However, the Judicial Council form used for orders after hearing applies to proceedings under the Uniform Parentage Act and allows for attorneys fees and costs. See Cal. R. Ct. 1296.31 (rev. Jan. 1, 1992) (findings and order after hearing). Since, the counseling order could be obtained by unmarried parties under the Domestic Violence Prevention Act, allowing the order in proceedings under the Uniform Parentage Act is not a substantive change.

**Fam. Code §§ 7730-7731 (repealed). Required statements in order**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Article 4 (commencing with Section 7730) of Chapter 6 of Part 3 of Division 12 of the Family Code is repealed.

**Fam. Code § 7730 (repealed). Statement of expiration date**

**Interim Comment.** Section 7730 is continued in the introductory clause of Section 6224 without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 7731 (repealed). Notice to defendant in restraining order**

**Interim Comment.** Section 7731 is continued in Section is continue in Section 6302 without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 7730 (added). Orders included in judgment**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ Article 4 of (commencing with Section 7730) is added to Chapter 6 of Part 3 of Division 12 of the Family Code, to read:

**Article 4. Orders in Judgment**

**Fam. Code § 7730 (added). Orders included in judgment**

7730. A judgment entered in the proceeding may include restraining orders as provided in Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 6360) of Part 4 of Division 10.

**Comment.** Section 7730 is new. This section provides a reference to the chapter in Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act) that contains the substantive provisions for the inclusion of restraining orders in a judgment. See Section 6200 Comment (consolidation of substantive provisions regarding issuance of restraining orders intended to prevent domestic violence).

**Fam. Code §§ 7740-7743 (repealed). Registration and enforcement of orders**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ Article 5 (commencing with Section 7740) of Chapter 6 of Part 3 of Division 12 of the Family Code is repealed.

**Fam. Code § 7740 (repealed). Transmittal to local law enforcement agency**

**Interim Comment.** Section 7740 is continued in Section 6380 without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 7741 (repealed). Availability of information concerning order**

**Interim Comment.** Section 7741 is continued in Section 6382 without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 7742 (repealed). Service of restraining order by law enforcement officer**

**Interim Comment.** Section 7742 is continued in Section 6383 without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 7743 (repealed). Criminal penalty for violation of order**

**Interim Comment.** Section 7743 is continued in Section 6388 without substantive change.

**Fam. Code § 7750 (repealed). Orders included in judgment**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ Article 6 (commencing with Section 7750) of Chapter 6 of Part 3 of Division 12 of the Family Code is repealed.

**Fam. Code § 7750 (repealed). Orders included in judgment**

**Interim Comment.** Subdivisions (a) and (b) of Section 7750 are continued in Chapter 4 (commencing with Sections 6360) of Part 4 of Division 10 without substantive change. Subdivisions (c) and (d) are continued without substantive change in Sections 6380 and 6388. New Section 7730 is added and contains a cross-reference to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 6360) of Part 4 of Division 10.

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## CIVIL CODE

**Civ. Code § 1799.98 (technical amendment). Bona fide purchaser of property sold pursuant to enforcement of security interest**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 1799.98 of the Civil Code is amended to read:

**1799.98. (a)** Nothing in this title shall be construed to make applicable or affect or operate as a waiver of any of the provisions of any of the following:

(1) Title 13 (commencing with Section 2787) of Part 4 of Division 3 this code.

(2) Parts 1 (commencing with Section 700), 2 (commencing with Section 760), 3 (commencing with Section 900), and 4 (commencing with Section 1100) of Division 4 of the Family Code.

(3) Sections 4301 and 4302 of the Family Code.

~~(4) Subdivision (e) of Section 2035 of the Family Code.~~

(b) The delivery of notice pursuant to Section 1799.91 is not evidence that the person to whom the notice was delivered entered or did not enter the transaction in the capacity of a surety.

**Comment.** Section 1799.98 is amended to substitute references to the Family Code provisions that replaced the former Civil Code provisions.

**Interim Comment.** Section 1799.98 is amended to omit a cross-reference. Family Code Section 2035(c) is repealed and consolidated with similar provisions applicable to unmarried parties in Family Code Section 6021. The omission of this cross-reference from this section is not a substantive change. See Section 753 (excluding one spouse from other's dwelling).

## CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

**Code Civ. Proc. § 527.6 (technical amendment). Temporary restraining order and injunction prohibiting harassment**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 527.6 of the Code of Civil Procedure is amended to read:

**527.6. (a)** A person who has suffered harassment as defined in subdivision (b) may seek a temporary restraining order, and an injunction prohibiting harassment as provided in this section.

(b) For the purposes of this section, "harassment" is a knowing and willful course of conduct directed at a specific person which seriously alarms, annoys, or harasses the person, and which serves no legitimate purpose. The course of conduct must be such as would cause a reasonable person to suffer substantial emotional distress, and must actually cause substantial emotional distress to the plaintiff. "Course of conduct" is a pattern of conduct composed of a series of acts over a period of time, however short, evidencing a continuity of purpose. Constitutionally protected activity is not included within the meaning of "course of conduct."

(c) Upon filing a petition for an injunction under this section, the plaintiff may obtain a temporary restraining order in accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 527. A temporary restraining order may be granted with or without notice upon an

affidavit which, to the satisfaction of the court, shows reasonable proof of harassment of the plaintiff by the defendant, and that great or irreparable harm would result to the plaintiff. A temporary restraining order granted under this section shall remain in effect, at the court's discretion, for a period not to exceed 15 days, unless otherwise modified or terminated by the court.

(d) Within 15 days of the filing of the petition, a hearing shall be held on the petition for the injunction. The defendant may file a response which explains, excuses, justifies, or denies the alleged harassment or may file a cross-complaint under this section. At the hearing, the judge shall receive such testimony as is relevant, and may make an independent inquiry. If the judge finds by clear and convincing evidence that unlawful harassment exists, an injunction shall issue prohibiting the harassment. An injunction issued pursuant to this section shall have a duration of not more than three years. At any time within the three months before the expiration of the injunction, the plaintiff may apply for a renewal of the injunction by filing a new petition for an injunction under this section.

(e) Nothing in this section shall preclude either party from representation by private counsel or from appearing on his or her own behalf.

(f) In a proceeding under this section where there are allegations or threats of domestic violence, a support person may accompany a party in court and, where the party is not represented by an attorney, may sit with the party at the table that is generally reserved for the party and his or her attorney. The support person is present to provide moral and emotional support for a person who alleges he or she is a victim of domestic violence. The support person is not present as a legal advisor and shall not give legal advice. The support person shall assist the person who alleges he or she is a victim of domestic violence in feeling more confident that he or she will not be injured or threatened by the other party during the proceedings where the person who alleges he or she is a victim of domestic violence and the other party must be present in close proximity. Nothing in this subdivision precludes the court from exercising its discretion to remove the support person from the courtroom if the court believes the support person is prompting, swaying, or influencing the party assisted by the support person.

(g) Upon filing of a petition for an injunction under this section, the defendant shall be personally served with a copy of the petition, temporary restraining order, if any, and notice of hearing of the petition.

(h) The court shall order the plaintiff or the attorney for the plaintiff to deliver a copy of each temporary restraining order or injunction, or modification or termination thereof, granted under this section, by the close of the business day on which the order was granted, to the law enforcement agencies within the court's discretion as are requested by the plaintiff. Each appropriate law enforcement agency shall make available information as to the existence and current status of these orders to law enforcement officers responding to the scene of reported harassment.

(i) The prevailing party in any action brought under this section may be awarded court costs and attorney's fees, if any.

(j) Any willful disobedience of any temporary restraining order or injunction granted under this section is punishable pursuant to Section 273.6 of the Penal Code.

(k) This section does not apply to any action or proceeding covered by Title 1.6C (commencing with Section 1788) of the Civil Code or by ~~Part 4 (commencing with Section 240) of Division 2~~ Division 10 (commencing with Section 6200) of the Family Code. Nothing in this section shall preclude a plaintiff's right to utilize other existing civil remedies.

(l) The Judicial Council shall promulgate forms and instructions therefor, rules for service of process, scheduling of hearings, and any other matters required by this section. The petition and response forms shall be simple and concise.

**Comment.** New subdivision (f) of Section 527.6 continues the substance of former Civil Code Section 4351.6 insofar as it applied to a proceeding under Section 527.6. Subdivisions designations have been adjusted for the insertion of new subdivision (f).

New subdivision (k) is amended to replace the former Civil Code and Code of Civil Procedure references with a reference to the Family Code.

**Interim Comment.** The reference to Part 4 (commencing with Section 240) of Division 2 is replaced by a reference to Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act). This is not a substantive change. Section 240 (as enacted by 1992 Cal. Stat. ch. 162) contains cross-references to the orders restraining domestic violence, which are consolidated and continued in a new Division 10. Section 240 is amended and generalized to apply to all ex parte restraining orders issued pursuant to the Family Code, except those included in a summons.

**Code Civ. Proc. § 529 (technical amendment). Undertaking when injunction granted**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 529 of the Code of Civil Procedure is amended to read:

529. (a) On granting an injunction, the court or judge must require an undertaking on the part of the applicant to the effect that the applicant will pay to the party enjoined such damages, not exceeding an amount to be specified, as the party may sustain by reason of the injunction, if the court finally decides that the applicant was not entitled to the injunction. Within five days after the service of the injunction, the person enjoined may object to the undertaking. If the court determines that the applicant's undertaking is insufficient and a sufficient undertaking is not filed within the time required by statute, the order granting the injunction must be dissolved.

(b) This section does not apply to any of the following persons:

(1) Either spouse against the other in a proceeding for legal separation or dissolution of marriage.

(2) The applicant for an order described in ~~Section 240~~ Division 10 (commencing with Section 6200) of the Family Code.

(3) A public entity or officer described in Section 995.220.

**Comment.** Subdivision (b) of Section 529 is amended to replace the former Code of Civil Procedure and Civil Code provisions with a reference to the Family Code provisions that have

replaced them. The reference to "applicant" has been substituted for the former reference to "plaintiff." This is not a substantive change.

**Interim Comment.** The reference to Part 4 (commencing with Section 240) of Division 2 is replaced by a reference to Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act). This is not a substantive change. Section 240 (as enacted by 1992 Cal. Stat. ch. 162) contains cross-references to the orders restraining domestic violence, that are consolidated and continued in a new Division 10. Section 240 is amended and generalized to apply to all ex parte restraining orders issued pursuant to the Family Code, except those included in a summons.

**Code Civ. Proc. § 917.7 (technical amendment). Stay of proceedings**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 917.7 of the Code of Civil Procedure is amended to read:

**917.7.** The perfecting of an appeal shall not stay proceedings as to those provisions of a judgment or order which award, change, or otherwise affect the custody, including the right of visitation, of a minor child in any civil action, in an action filed under the Juvenile Court Law, or in a special proceeding, or the provisions of a judgment or order for the temporary exclusion of a party from ~~the family dwelling or the dwelling of the other party~~ a dwelling, as provided in the Family Code. However, the trial court may in its discretion stay execution of such provisions pending review on appeal or for such other period or periods as to it may appear appropriate. Further, in the absence of a writ or order of a reviewing court providing otherwise, the provisions of the judgment or order allowing, or eliminating restrictions against, removal of the minor child from the state are stayed by operation of law for a period of 30 days from the entry of the judgment or order and are subject to any further stays ordered by the trial court, as herein provided.

**Comment.** Section 917.7 is amended to omit the former reference to Civil Code Section 4359. A general reference to "a dwelling" has been substituted for the former reference specific dwellings. These are not substantive changes. For provisions of the Family Code relating to the temporary exclusion of a party from a dwelling, see, e.g., Fam. Code §§ 2035, 2040, 2045, 6321, 6340, 6360, 7710, 7720, 7730.

**Interim Comment.** This section is amended to substitute a general reference to "a dwelling," for the list of specific dwellings. This allows the Family Code provisions to control the type of dwellings that will be at issue, preventing a conflict from arising in the future where, for example, the Family Code statute would be amended to change the list of dwellings, but a similar revision would not be made to this provision in the Code of Civil Procedure.

## EVIDENCE CODE

**Evid. Code § 1107 (technical amendment). Expert testimony regarding battered women's syndrome**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 1107 of the Evidence Code is amended to read:

**1107. (a)** In a criminal action, expert testimony is admissible by either the prosecution or the defense regarding battered women's syndrome, including the physical, emotional, or mental effects upon the beliefs, perceptions, or behavior of victims of domestic violence, except when offered against a criminal defendant to

prove the occurrence of the act or acts of abuse which form the basis of the criminal charge.

(b) The foundation shall be sufficient for admission of this expert testimony if the proponent of the evidence establishes its relevancy and the proper qualifications of the expert witness. Expert opinion testimony on battered women's syndrome shall not be considered a new scientific technique whose reliability is unproven.

(c) For purposes of this section, "abuse" and "domestic violence" are defined as provided in Sections ~~55 and 70~~ 6203 and 6211 of the Family Code.

(d) This section is intended as a rule of evidence only and no substantive change affecting the Penal Code is intended.

**Comment.** Subdivision (c) of Section 1107 is amended to substitute references to the provisions of the Family Code that replaced the relevant provisions of former Code of Civil Procedure Section 542.

**Interim Comment.** This section is amended to correct cross-references to Family Code sections renumbered due to reorganization and consolidation of the Family Code provisions dealing with domestic violence.

## FAMILY CODE

**Fam. Code § 213 (technical amendment). Responding party's request for affirmative relief alternative to moving party's requested relief**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ Section 213 of the Family Code is amended to read:

213. (a) In a hearing on an order to show cause, or on a modification thereof, or in a hearing on a motion, other than for contempt, the responding party may seek affirmative relief alternative to that requested by the moving party, on the same issues raised by the moving party, by filing a responsive declaration within the time set by statute or rules of court.

(b) This section applies in any of the following proceedings:

(1) A proceeding for dissolution of marriage, for nullity of marriage, or for legal separation of the parties.

(2) A proceeding relating to a domestic violence prevention order as defined in Section 6213.

(3) Any other proceeding in which there is at issue the visitation, custody, or support of a minor child.

**Comment.** Subdivision (a) of Section 213 continues former Civil Code Section 4355.6 without substantive change.

Subdivision (b) is new and has been added to state the application of this section. The application of former Section 4355.6 was unclear, because the section did not include any language specifying the proceedings to which it applied.

**Interim Comment.** The reference to the definition in Section 6213 is added. In reorganizing the Family Code provisions dealing with domestic violence, this definition is moved from Division 1 (preliminary provisions and definitions), where it applies to the entire Family Code, to Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act), where it applies only to that division.

**Fam. Code § 753 (technical amendment). Excluding one spouse from other's dwelling**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 753 of the Family Code is amended to read:

753. Notwithstanding Section 752, except as provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 2035), Article 3 (commencing with Section 2040), or Article 4 (commencing with Section 2045) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 6, neither spouse may be excluded from the other's dwelling.

**Comment.** Section 753 restates the second part of former Civil Code Section 5102(a) without substantive change.

**Interim Comment.** Cross-references to Articles 3 and 4 of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 6 are added to this section. This is not a substantive change. Article 2 (as enacted by 1992 Cal. Stat. ch. 162) provides for an order excluding a spouse from a dwelling either ex parte or after notice and hearing. New Article 2 includes only ex parte orders and Article 3 includes orders after notice and hearing. Article 4 provides for exclusion orders to be included in a judgment. The reference to this article is new and is added to provide a complete set of references to sections that provide for these orders.

**Fam. Code § 2335 (technical amendment). Evidence of specific acts of misconduct**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 2335 of the Family Code is amended to read:

2335. In a pleading or proceeding for dissolution of marriage or legal separation of the parties, including depositions and discovery proceedings, evidence of specific acts of misconduct is improper and inadmissible, except in any of the following cases:

(a) Where child custody is in issue and the evidence is relevant to that issue.

(b) Where a domestic violence prevention order as defined in Section 6213, is sought or has been obtained and the evidence is relevant in connection with the order.

**Comment.** The introductory part and subdivision (a) of Section 2335 continue former Civil Code Section 4509 without substantive change. The phrase "under this part," meaning under the former Family Law Act (former Part 5 (commencing with former Section 4000) of Division 4 of the Civil Code), has been omitted as surplus.

Subdivision (b) is a new provision that recognizes that evidence of specific acts of misconduct is admissible in proceedings to obtain or retain in effect a domestic violence prevention order. See, e.g., Section 6223 (presentation of evidence of abuse or domestic violence required for mutual restraining order).

See also Section 3022 (history of abuse of child or other parent must be considered in determining best interest of child for purposes of custody).

**Interim Comment.** The reference to the definition in Section 6213 is added. In reorganizing the Family Code provisions dealing with domestic violence, this definition is moved from Division 1 (preliminary provisions and definitions), where it applies to the entire Family Code, to Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act), where it applies only to that division.

**Fam. Code § 3022 (technical amendment). Factors considered in determining best interest of child**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 3022 of the Family Code is amended to read:

3022. In making a determination of the best interest of the child in a proceeding under this division, the court shall, among any other factors it finds relevant, consider all of the following:

(a) The health, safety, and welfare of the child.

(b) Any history of abuse by one parent against the child or against the other parent. As a prerequisite to the consideration of allegations of abuse, the court may require substantial independent corroboration including, but not limited to, written reports by law enforcement agencies, child protective services or other social welfare agencies, courts, medical facilities, or other public agencies or private nonprofit organizations providing services to victims of sexual assault or domestic violence. As used in this subdivision, "abuse against the child" means child abuse as defined in Section 11165.6 of the Penal Code and "abuse against the other parent" means abuse as defined in Section 55 6203 of this code.

(c) The nature and amount of contact with both parents.

**Comment.** Section 3022 continues former Civil Code Section 4608 without substantive change. A reference to this division has been substituted for a narrower reference to "this title," which referred to former Title 4 (commencing with former Civil Code Section 4600) of the former Family Law Act. This is not intended as a substantive change. See also Sections 3040 (order of preference in awarding custody), 3041 (additional requirements for custody award to nonparent), 3042 (consideration of wishes of child in custody case), 3043 (nomination of guardian by parent), 3044 (parent convicted under certain Penal Code provisions), 3080 (presumption for joint custody where parents agree to joint custody).

**Interim Comment.** The reference to the definition in Section 6203 is added. In reorganizing the Family Code provisions dealing with domestic violence, this definition is moved from Division 1 (preliminary provisions and definitions), where it applies to the entire Family Code, to Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act), where it applies only to that division.

**Fam. Code § 3064 (technical amendment). Limitation on ex parte order granting or modifying custody order**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 3064 of the Family Code is amended to read:

3064. The court shall refrain from making an order granting or modifying a custody order on an ex parte basis unless there has been a showing of immediate harm to the child or immediate risk that the child will be removed from the State of California. "Immediate harm to the child" includes having a parent who has committed acts of domestic violence as defined in Section 6211, where the court determines that the acts of domestic violence are of recent origin or are a part of a demonstrated and continuing pattern of acts of domestic violence.

**Comment.** Section 3064 continues the last two sentences of former Civil Code Section 4600.1(e) without substantive change.

**Interim Comment.** The reference to the definition of "domestic violence" is added. The existing law contains a statutory cross-reference to the definition, but Family Code Section 3064 (as enacted by 1992 Cal. Stat. ch. 162) omits the cross-reference, since the definition is made applicable to the entire code. In reorganizing the Family Code provisions dealing with domestic violence, this definition is moved to Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act), where it applies only to that division. Section 3064 returns to the existing scheme, cross-referring to the definition.

**Fam. Code § 3100 (technical amendment). Visitation rights generally**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 3100 of the Family Code is amended to read:



3100. (a) Subject to Chapter 11 (commencing with Section 3155), in making an order pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 3080), the court shall order reasonable visitation rights to a parent unless it is shown that the visitation would be detrimental to the best interest of the child. In the discretion of the court, reasonable visitation rights may be granted to any other person having an interest in the welfare of the child.

(b) In making an award authorizing visitation pursuant to this section, if a domestic violence prevention order as defined in Section 6213, has been directed to a parent, the court shall consider whether the best interest of the child requires that any visitation granted to that parent shall be limited to situations in which a third person, specified by the court, is present. The court shall include in its deliberations a consideration of the nature of the acts from which the parent was enjoined and the period of time that has elapsed since that order. A parent may submit the name of a person to the court that the parent deems suitable to be present during visitation.

**Comment.** Subdivision (a) of Section 3100 continues former Civil Code Section 4601 without substantive change.

Subdivision (b) continues former Civil Code Section 4601.5 without substantive change. The phrase "domestic violence prevention order" has been substituted for the references to orders under specific sections formerly in the Civil Code and the Code of Civil Procedure. This is not a substantive change, since Section 6213 defines "domestic violence prevention order" to include these orders.

See also Sections 3022 (factors to be considered in determining best interest of child), 3044 (parent convicted under certain Penal Code provisions not allowed unsupervised visitation with child), 3131 (action by district attorney where child taken or detained in violation of visitation order); Code Civ. Proc. § 917.7 (order not automatically stayed by appeal). For comparable provisions, see Sections 5513 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act), 7604(b) (Uniform Parentage Act).

**Interim Comment.** The reference to the definition in Section 6213 is added. In reorganizing the Family Code dealing with domestic violence, this definition is moved from Division 1 (preliminary provisions and definitions), where it applies to the entire Family Code, to Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act), where it applies only to that division.

**Fam. Code § 3101 (technical amendment). Visitation rights of stepparent or grandparent in dissolution, nullity, or legal separation proceeding**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ Section 3101 of the Family Code is amended to read:

3101. (a) In a proceeding for dissolution of marriage, for nullity of marriage, or for legal separation of the parties, the court has jurisdiction to award reasonable visitation rights to any of the following persons if visitation by the person is determined to be in the best interest of the minor child:

(1) A person who is a party to the marriage that is the subject of the proceeding with respect to a minor child of the other party to the marriage.

(2) A person who is a grandparent of a minor child of a party to the marriage.

(b) There is a rebuttable presumption affecting the burden of proof that the visitation of a grandparent is not in the best interest of a minor child if the parties to the marriage agree that the grandparent should not be awarded visitation rights.

(c) Visitation rights granted to a stepparent or grandparent pursuant to this section shall not conflict with any visitation or custodial right of a natural or adoptive parent who is not a party to the proceeding.

(d) In making an award of visitation pursuant to this section, if a domestic violence prevention order as defined in Section 6213, has been directed to a stepparent or grandparent during the pendency of the proceeding, the court shall consider whether the best interest of the child requires that any visitation by that stepparent or grandparent should be denied.

**Comment.** Subdivision (a) of Section 3101 restates former Civil Code Section 4351.5(a)-(b) without substantive change. The "notwithstanding" clauses of the former subdivisions have been omitted as surplus. The reference to former Civil Code Section 4601 has been omitted as surplus. References to the "superior" court have been omitted as surplus. See Section 200 (jurisdiction in superior court).

Subdivision (b) continues former Civil Code Section 4351.5(k) without substantive change.

Subdivision (c) continues former Civil Code Section 4351.5(j) without substantive change.

Subdivision (d) continues former Civil Code Section 4351.5(i) without substantive change. The phrase "domestic violence prevention order" has been substituted for the references to orders under specific sections formerly in the Civil Code and the Code of Civil Procedure. This is not a substantive change, since Section 6213 defines "domestic violence prevention order" to include these orders.

See also Section 3022 (factors to be considered in determining best interest of child); Code Civ. Proc. § 917.7 (order not automatically stayed by appeal).

**Interim Comment.** The reference to the definition in Section 6213 is added. In reorganizing the Family Code provisions dealing with domestic violence, this definition is moved from Division 1 (preliminary provisions and definitions), where it applies to the entire Family Code, to Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act), where it applies only to that division.

**Fam. Code § 3111 (technical amendment).** Separate meetings where history of domestic violence or domestic violence prevention order

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 3111 of the Family Code is amended to read:

3111. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Domestic violence" means domestic violence as defined in Section 6211.

(2) "Domestic violence prevention order" means domestic violence prevention order as defined in Section 6213.

(b) Where there has been a history of domestic violence between the parties, or where a domestic violence prevention order is in effect, at the request of the party alleging domestic violence in a written declaration under penalty of perjury or at the request of a party who is protected by the order, the parties shall meet with the probation officer, domestic relations investigator, or court appointed evaluator separately at separate times.

**Comment.** Section 3111 continues the second paragraph of former Civil Code Section 4602 without substantive change. The phrase "domestic violence prevention order" has been substituted for the references to orders under specific former sections in the Civil Code and the Code of Civil Procedure. This is not a substantive change, since Section 6213 defines "domestic violence prevention order" to include these orders.

**Interim Comment.** The references to the definitions in Sections 6211 and 6213 are added. In reorganizing the Family Code provisions dealing with domestic violence these definitions are moved from Division 1 (preliminary provisions and definitions), where they apply to the entire

Family Code, to Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act), where they apply only to that division.

**Fam. Code § 3176 (technical amendment). Separate mediation permitted where history of domestic violence**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 3176 of the Family Code is amended to read:

**3176.** The mediator has the authority to meet with the parties separately when a request for separate mediation is made by one of the parties in any proceeding where there has been, between the parties, a history of domestic violence between the parties as defined in Section 6211.

**Comment.** Section 3176 continues the last sentence of former Civil Code Section 4607(d) without substantive change.

**Interim Comment.** The reference to the definition in Section 6211 is added. The existing law contains a statutory cross-reference to the definition, but Family Code Section 3176 (as enacted by 1992 Cal. Stat. ch. 162) omits the cross-reference, since the definition is made applicable to the entire code. In reorganizing the Family Code provisions dealing with domestic violence, this definition is moved to Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act), where it applies only to that division. Section 3176 returns to the existing scheme, cross-referring to the definition.

**Fam. Code § 3177 (technical amendment). Separate mediation where domestic violence prevention order**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 3177 of the Family Code is amended to read:

**3177. (a) As used in this section:**

**(1) "Domestic violence" means domestic violence as defined in Section 6211.**

**(2) "Domestic violence prevention order" means domestic violence prevention order as defined in Section 6213.**

**(b)** In a proceeding in which mediation is required pursuant to this chapter, where there has been a history of domestic violence between the parties or where a domestic violence prevention order is in effect, at the request of the party alleging domestic violence or protected by the order, the parties shall meet with the mediator appointed pursuant to this chapter separately at separate times.

**(b) (c)** Any intake form that an agency charged with providing family court services may require the parties to complete before the commencement of mediation shall include a provision which indicates that at the request of a party alleging domestic violence in a written declaration under penalty of perjury or at the request of a party who is protected by the order, the parties shall meet with the mediator appointed pursuant to this chapter separately at separate times.

**Comment.** Section 3177 continues former Civil Code Section 4607.2 without substantive change. The "notwithstanding" clause in the former section has been omitted as surplus. The phrase "domestic violence prevention order" has been substituted for the references to orders under specific sections formerly in the Civil Code and the Code of Civil Procedure. This is not a substantive change, since Section 6213 defines "domestic violence prevention order" to include these orders.

**Interim Comment.** The references to the definitions in Sections 6211 and 6213 are added. In reorganizing the Family Code provisions dealing with domestic violence, these definitions are moved from Division 1 (preliminary provisions and definitions), where they apply to the entire

Family Code, to Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act), where they apply only to that division.

**Fam. Code § 3192 (technical amendment). Separate counseling where protective order against domestic violence**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 3192 of the Family Code is amended to read:

**3192. (a) As used in this section:**

**(1) "Domestic violence" means domestic violence as defined in Section 6211.**

**(2) "Domestic violence prevention order" means domestic violence prevention order as defined in Section 6213.**

**(b) In a proceeding in which counseling is ordered pursuant to this chapter, where there has been a history of domestic violence between the parties or where a domestic violence prevention order is in effect, at the request of a party alleging domestic violence in a written declaration under penalty of perjury or at the request of a party who is protected by the order, the parties shall meet with the mental health professional, or attend other community programs or services, separately at separate times.**

**Comment.** Section 3192 continues former Civil Code Section 4608.1(b) without substantive change. The phrase "domestic violence prevention order" has been substituted for the references to orders under specific former sections in the Civil Code and the Code of Civil Procedure. This is not a substantive change, since Section 6213 defines "domestic violence prevention order" to include these orders.

**Interim Comment.** The references to the definitions in Sections 6211 and 6213 are added. In reorganizing the Family Code provisions dealing with domestic violence, these definitions are moved from Division 1 (preliminary provisions and definitions), where they apply to the entire Family Code, to Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act), where they apply only to that division.

**Fam. Code § 7604 (technical amendment). Pendente lite relief of custody or grant of visitation rights**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ . Section 7604 of the Family Code is amended to read:

**7604. (a) A court may order pendente lite relief consisting of an award of custody or the grant of reasonable visitation rights pursuant to Part 2 (commencing with Section 3020) of Division 8, if the court finds both of the following:**

**(1) Based on the tests authorized by Section 7501, a parent and child relationship exists pursuant to Section 7500.**

**(2) The award of custody or the granting of visitation rights would be in the best interest of the child.**

**(b) In making an award authorizing visitation pursuant to this section, if a domestic violence prevention order as defined in Section 6213, has been directed to a parent, the court shall consider whether the best interest of the child requires that any visitation granted to that parent shall be limited to situations in which a third person, specified by the court, is present. The court shall include in its deliberations a consideration of the nature of the acts from which the parent was enjoined and the period of time that has elapsed since that order. A parent may**

submit the name of a person to the court that the parent deems suitable to be present during visitation.

**Comment.** Section 7604 continues former Civil Code Section 7004.5 without substantive change. There is no comparable provision in the Uniform Parentage Act (1973).

In subdivision (a), a reference to Part 2 (commencing with Section 3020) of Division 8 has been substituted for narrower references to former Civil Code Sections 4600 and 4601. This is not intended as a substantive change.

In subdivision (b), the phrase "domestic violence prevention order" has been substituted for the references to orders under specific former sections in the Civil Code and the Code of Civil Procedure. This is not a substantive change, since Section 6213 defines "domestic violence prevention order" to include these orders. For provisions in this code that are comparable to subdivision (b), see Sections 3100(b) (visitation rights generally), 6222 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act).

See also Sections 200 (jurisdiction in superior court), 3044 (parent convicted under certain Penal Code provisions not to be allowed unsupervised visitation with child), 3131 (action by district attorney where child taken or detained in violation of visitation order), 3155-3183 (mediation of custody or visitation issues); Code Civ. Proc. § 917.7 (order not automatically stayed by appeal).

**Interim Comment.** The reference to the definition in Section 6213 is added. In reorganizing the Family Code provisions dealing with domestic violence, this definition is moved from Division 1 (preliminary provisions and definitions), where it applies to the entire Family Code, to Division 10 (Domestic Violence Prevention Act), where it applies only to that division.

## GOVERNMENT CODE

**Gov't Code § 26833.5 (technical amendment). Certified copies of order under certain domestic relations laws**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 26833.5 of the Government Code is amended to read:

26833.5. No fee shall be charged to an indigent plaintiff for certified copies of any order issued pursuant to any of the following:

(a) Article 2 (commencing with Section 2035), Article 3 (commencing with Section 2040), or Article 4 (commencing with Section 2045) of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 6 of the Family Code.

(b) Division 10 (commencing with Section 5500) of the Family Code.

(c) Article 2 (commencing with Section 7710), or Article 3 (commencing with Section 7720), or Article 4 (commencing with Section 7730) of Chapter 6 of Part 3 of Division 12 of the Family Code.

**Comment.** Section 26833.5 is amended to substitute references to the Family Code provisions that replaced the former Civil Code and Code of Civil Procedure provisions. The references to restraining orders included in a judgment have been added.

**Interim Comment.** In subdivision (a), cross-references to Articles 3 and 4 of Chapter 4 of Part 1 of Division 6 are added to this section. This is not a substantive change. Article 2 (as enacted by 1992 Cal. Stat. ch. 162) provides for an orders issued either ex parte or after notice and hearing. New Article 2 includes only ex parte orders and Article 3 includes orders after notice and hearing. Article 4 provides for orders to be included in a judgment. The reference to this article is new and is added to provide a complete set of references to sections that provide for these orders.

In subdivision (c), the reference to Article 4 is added. Article 4 provides for orders to be included in a judgment. The reference to this article is new and is added to provide a complete set of references to sections that provide for these orders.

**Gov't Code § 26841 (technical amendment). Fees for protective order**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ Section 26841 of the Government Code is amended to read:

26841. The superior court in any county may increase the fee for the filing of any paper in response to an order or an application for ~~an order described in subdivision (b) or (c) of Section 2035 of the Family Code, issued pursuant to that section, or issued to any person in accordance with Division 10 (commencing with Section 5500)~~ a domestic violence prevention order as defined in Section 6213 of the Family Code, by five dollars (\$5), upon the adoption of a resolution to that effect by the board of supervisors. The five dollars (\$5) shall be disposed of pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 18290) of Part 6 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

**Comment.** Section 26841 is amended to substitute a reference to "a domestic violence prevention order as described in Section 6213 of the Family Code" for the references to former provisions in the Code of Civil Procedure and Civil Code. This is not a substantive change.

**Interim Comment.** Section 26841 is amended to correct a cross-reference. This is made necessary by the reorganization and consolidation of the Family Code sections dealing with domestic violence.

**PENAL CODE**

**Penal Code § 12021 (technical amendment). Firearms**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ Section 12021 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

12021. (a) Any person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of the United States, of the State of California, or any other state, government, or country, or of an offense enumerated in Section 12001.6, or who is addicted to the use of any narcotic drug, who owns or has in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control any firearm is guilty of a felony.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), any person who has been convicted of a felony or of an offense enumerated in Section 12001.6, when that conviction results from certification by the juvenile court for prosecution as an adult in an adult court under Section 707 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, who owns or has in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control any firearm is guilty of a felony.

(c)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (a) or paragraph (2) of this subdivision, any person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor violation of Section 136.5, 140, 171b, 171c, 171d, 241, 243, 244.5, 245, 245.5, 246.3, 247, 417, 417.2, 626.9, subdivision (b) or (d) of Section 12034, subdivision (a) of Section 12100, 12320, or 12590 and who, within 10 years of the conviction, owns, or has in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control, any firearm is guilty of a public offense, which shall be punishable by imprisonment in the state prison or in a county jail not exceeding one year, by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that imprisonment and fine. The court, on forms prescribed by the Department of Justice, shall notify the department of persons subject to this

subdivision. However, the prohibition in this paragraph may be reduced, eliminated, or conditioned as provided in paragraph (2).

(2) Any person whose continued employment or livelihood is dependent on the ability to legally possess a firearm, who is subject to the prohibition imposed by this subdivision because of a conviction prior to the effective date of the amendments which added this paragraph to this section, at any time until January 1, 1993, may petition the court for relief from this prohibition. The court may reduce or eliminate the prohibition, impose conditions on the elimination or reduction of the prohibition, or otherwise grant relief from the prohibition as the court deems appropriate. In making its decision, the court may consider the petitioner's continued employment, the interest of justice, any relevant evidence, and the totality of the circumstances. It is the intent of the Legislature that courts exercise broad discretion in fashioning appropriate relief under this paragraph in cases in which relief is warranted. However, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to require courts to grant relief to any particular petitioner. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this paragraph to permit persons who were convicted of an offense specified in this subdivision prior to the effective date of the amendments which added this paragraph to this section to seek relief from the prohibition imposed by this subdivision.

(d) Any person who, as an express condition of probation, is prohibited or restricted from owning, possessing, controlling, receiving, or purchasing a firearm and who owns, or has in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control, any firearm but who is not subject to subdivision (a) or (c) is guilty of a public offense, which shall be punishable by imprisonment in the state prison or in a county jail not exceeding one year, by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that imprisonment and fine. The court, on forms provided by the Department of Justice, shall notify the department of persons subject to this subdivision. The notice shall include a copy of the order of probation and a copy of any minute order or abstract reflecting the order and conditions of probation.

(e) Any person who (1) is alleged to have committed an offense listed in subdivision (b) of Section 707 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, (2) is found to be a fit and proper subject to be dealt with under the juvenile court law, and (3) is subsequently adjudged a ward of the juvenile court within the meaning of Section 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code because the person committed an offense listed in subdivision (b) of Section 707 of the Welfare and Institutions Code shall not own, or have in his or her possession or under his or her custody or control, any firearm until the age of 30 years. A violation of this subdivision shall be punishable by imprisonment in the state prison or in a county jail not exceeding one year, by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that imprisonment and fine. The juvenile court, on forms prescribed by the Department of Justice, shall notify the department of persons subject to this subdivision. Notwithstanding any other law, the forms required to be submitted to the

department pursuant to this subdivision may be used to determine eligibility to acquire a firearm.

(f) Subdivision (a) shall not apply to a person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of the United States unless either of the following criteria is satisfied:

(1) Conviction of a like offense under California law can only result in imposition of felony punishment.

(2) The defendant was sentenced to a federal correctional facility for more than 30 days, or received a fine of more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or received both punishments.

(g) Every person who purchases or receives, or attempts to purchase or receive, a firearm knowing that he or she is subject to a ~~restraining order issued pursuant to Division 10 (commencing with Section 5500) of the Family Code and predicated on subdivision (b), (c), or (d) of Section 2035~~ domestic violence prevention order as defined in Section 6213 of the Family Code, is guilty of a public offense, which shall be punishable by imprisonment in the state prison or in a county jail not exceeding one year, by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both that imprisonment and fine. This subdivision does not apply unless the copy of the restraining order personally served on the person against whom the restraining order is issued contains a notice in bold print stating (1) that the person is prohibited from purchasing or receiving or attempting to purchase or receive a firearm and (2) specifying the penalties for violating this subdivision, or a court has provided actual verbal notice of the firearm prohibition and penalty as provided in Section ~~5516~~ 6225 of the Family Code. However, this subdivision does not apply if the firearm is received as part of the disposition of community property pursuant to Division 7 (commencing with Section 2500) of the Family Code.

**Comment.** Subdivision (g) of Section 12021 is amended to substitute references to the Family Code provisions that replaced the former Civil Code provisions. The reference to former Code of Civil Procedure Section 550(f) is replaced by a reference to Family Code Section 6225, which requires the court to give the respondent notice that the respondent is prohibited from purchasing or receiving or attempting to purchase or receive a firearm, including a notice of the penalty for violation. The reference to "domestic violence prevention order as defined in Section 6213 of the Family Code" has been substituted for the reference to orders under specific sections of the Code of Civil Procedure and the Civil Code. This is not a substantive change, since Section 6213 defines "domestic violence prevention order" to include these orders.

**Interim Comment** Section 12021 is amended to correct a cross-reference. This is made necessary by the reorganization and consolidation of the Family Code sections dealing with domestic violence.

**Penal Code § 12025.5 (technical amendment). Justifiable violations of Section 12025**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 12025.5 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

**12025.5.** A violation of Section 12025 is justifiable when a person who possesses a firearm reasonably believes that he or she is in grave danger because of circumstances forming the basis of a current restraining order issued by a court



against another person or persons who has or have been found to pose a threat to his or her life or safety. This section may not apply when the circumstances involve a mutual restraining order issued pursuant to ~~Sections 2035 and 2036 of the Family Code, or Sections 5514 and 5550 of the Family Code, or Sections 7710 and 7711~~ Division 10 (commencing with Section 6200) of the Family Code, absent a factual finding of a specific threat to the person's life or safety. It is not the intent of the Legislature to limit, restrict, or narrow the application of current statutory or judicial authority to apply this or other justifications to defendants charged with violating Section 12025 or of committing other similar offenses.

Upon trial for violating Section 12025, the trier of fact shall determine whether the defendant was acting out of a reasonable belief that he or she was in grave danger.

**Comment.** Section 12025.5 is amended to substitute a reference to the Family Code provisions that replaced the former Civil Code provision and to include similar mutual restraining orders issued under other domestic violence provisions. The word "mutual" has been substituted for "reciprocal" to conform to the terminology of the Family Code provisions. See also Fam. Code § 6223 (conditions for issuance of mutual restraining order).

**Interim Comment** Section 12021 is amended to correct the cross-references. This is made necessary by the reorganization and consolidation of the Family Code sections dealing with domestic violence.

**Penal Code § 12031 (technical amendment). Carrying loaded firearms; misdemeanor; punishment; exceptions**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 12031 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

12031. (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (b), (c) or (d), every person who carries a loaded firearm on his or her person or in a vehicle while in any public place or on any public street in an incorporated city or in any public place or on any public street in a prohibited area of unincorporated territory is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivisions 2 and 3 of Section 836, a peace officer may make an arrest without a warrant:

(A) When the person arrested has violated this section, although not in the officer's presence.

(B) Whenever the officer has reasonable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has violated this section, whether or not this section has, in fact, been violated.

(3) (A) Every person convicted under this section who has previously been convicted of an offense enumerated in Section 12001.6, or of any crime made punishable under this chapter, shall serve a term of at least three months in a county jail, or, if granted probation, or if the execution or imposition of sentence is suspended, it shall be a condition thereof that he or she be imprisoned for a period of at least three months.

(B) The court shall apply the three-month minimum sentence except in unusual cases where the interests of justice would best be served by granting probation or

suspending the imposition or execution of sentence without the minimum imprisonment required in this subdivision or by granting probation or suspending the imposition or execution of sentence with conditions other than those set forth in this subdivision, in which case, the court shall specify on the record and shall enter on the minutes the circumstances indicating that the interests of justice would best be served by such a disposition.

(b) Subdivision (a) shall not apply to any of the following:

(1) Peace officers listed in Section 830.1 or 830.2, whether active or honorably retired, other duly appointed peace officers, honorably retired peace officers listed in subdivision (c) of Section 830.5, full-time paid peace officers of other states and the federal government who are carrying out official duties while in California, or any person summoned by any of those officers to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace while the person is actually engaged in assisting that officer. Any peace officer described in this paragraph who has been honorably retired shall be issued an identification certificate by the agency from which the officer has retired. The issuing agency may charge a fee necessary to cover any reasonable expenses incurred by the agency in issuing certificates pursuant to this paragraph and paragraph (3).

Any officer retired after January 1, 1981, shall have an endorsement on the identification certificate stating that the issuing agency approves the officer's carrying of a loaded firearm.

No endorsement or renewal endorsement issued pursuant to paragraph (2) shall be effective unless it is in the format set forth in subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 12027, except that any peace officer listed in subdivision (f) of Section 830.2 or in subdivision (c) of Section 830.5, who is retired between January 2, 1981, and on or before December 31, 1988, and who is authorized to carry a loaded firearm pursuant to this section, shall not be required to have an endorsement in the format set forth in subparagraph (D) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 12027 until the time of the issuance, on or after January 1, 1989, of a renewal endorsement pursuant to paragraph (2).

(2) A retired peace officer who retired after January 1, 1981, shall petition the issuing agency for renewal of his or her privilege to carry a loaded firearm every five years. An honorably retired peace officer, described in paragraph (1), retired prior to January 1, 1981, shall not be required to obtain an endorsement from the issuing agency to carry a firearm. The agency from which a peace officer is honorably retired may, upon initial retirement of the peace officer, or at any time subsequent thereto, deny or revoke, for good cause, the retired officer's privilege to carry a firearm.

(3) An honorably retired peace officer listed in subdivision (c) of Section 830.5 authorized to carry loaded firearms by this subdivision shall meet the training requirements of Section 832 and shall qualify with the firearm at least annually. The individual retired peace officer shall be responsible for maintaining his or her eligibility to carry a loaded firearm. The Department of Justice shall provide

subsequent arrest notification pursuant to Section 11105.2 regarding honorably retired peace officers listed in subdivision (c) of Section 830.5 to the agency from which the officer has retired.

(4) Members of the military forces of this state or of the United States engaged in the performance of their duties.

(5) Persons who are using target ranges for the purpose of practice shooting with a firearm or who are members of shooting clubs while hunting on the premises of those clubs.

(6) The carrying of pistols, revolvers, or other firearms capable of being concealed upon the person by persons who are authorized to carry those weapons pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 12050) of Chapter 1 of Title 2 of Part 4.

(7) Armored vehicle guards, as defined in Section 7521 of the Business and Professions Code, (A) if hired prior to January 1, 1977; or (B) if hired on or after that date, if they have received a firearms qualification card from the Department of Consumer Affairs, in each case while acting within the course and scope of their employment.

(8) Upon approval of the sheriff of the county in which they reside, honorably retired federal officers or agents of federal law enforcement agencies including, but not limited to, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Secret Service, the United States Customs Service, the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the United States Border Patrol, and officers or agents of the Internal Revenue Service who were authorized to carry weapons while on duty, who were assigned to duty within the state for a period of not less than one year, or who retired from active service in the state.

Retired federal officers or agents shall provide the sheriff with certification from the agency from which they retired certifying their service in the state, the nature of their retirement, and indicating the agency's concurrence that the retired federal officer or agent should be accorded the privilege of carrying a loaded firearm.

Upon approval, the sheriff shall issue a permit to the retired federal officer or agent indicating that he or she may carry a loaded firearm in accordance with this paragraph. The permit shall be valid for a period not exceeding five years, shall be carried by the retiree while carrying a loaded firearm, and may be revoked for good cause.

The sheriff of the county in which the retired federal officer or agent resides may require recertification prior to a permit renewal, and may suspend the privilege for cause. The sheriff may charge a fee necessary to cover any reasonable expenses incurred by the county.

(c) Subdivision (a) shall not apply to any of the following who have completed a regular course in firearms training approved by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training:

(1) Patrol special police officers appointed by the police commission of any city, county, or city and county under the express terms of its charter who also, under the express terms of the charter, (A) are subject to suspension or dismissal after a hearing on charges duly filed with the commission after a fair and impartial trial, (B) are not less than 18 years of age nor more than 40 years of age, (C) possess physical qualifications prescribed by the commission, and (D) are designated by the police commission as the owners of a certain beat or territory as may be fixed from time to time by the police commission.

(2) The carrying of weapons by animal control officers or zookeepers, regularly compensated as such by a governmental agency when acting in the course and scope of their employment and when designated by a local ordinance or, if the governmental agency is not authorized to act by ordinance, by a resolution, either individually or by class, to carry the weapons, or by persons who are authorized to carry the weapons pursuant to Section 607f of the Civil Code, while actually engaged in the performance of their duties pursuant to that section.

(3) Harbor police officers designated pursuant to Section 663.5 of the Harbors and Navigation Code.

(d) Subdivision (a) shall not apply to any of the following who have been issued a certificate pursuant to Section 12033. The certificate shall not be required of any person who is a peace officer, who has completed all training required by law for the exercise of his or her power as a peace officer, and who is employed while not on duty as a peace officer.

(1) Guards or messengers of common carriers, banks, and other financial institutions while actually employed in and about the shipment, transportation, or delivery of any money, treasure, bullion, bonds, or other thing of value within this state.

(2) Guards of contract carriers operating armored vehicles pursuant to California Highway Patrol and Public Utilities Commission authority (A) if hired prior to January 1, 1977; or (B) if hired on or after January 1, 1977, if they have completed a course in the carrying and use of firearms which meets the standards prescribed by the Department of Consumer Affairs.

(3) Private investigators and private patrol operators who are licensed pursuant to Chapter 11.5 (commencing with Section 7512) of, and alarm company operators who are licensed pursuant to Chapter 11.6 (commencing with Section 7590) of, Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code, while acting within the course and scope of their employment.

(4) Uniformed security guards or night watch persons employed by any public agency, while acting within the scope and in the course of their employment.

(5) Uniformed security guards, regularly employed and compensated in that capacity by persons engaged in any lawful business, and uniformed alarm agents employed by an alarm company operator, while actually engaged in protecting and preserving the property of their employers or on duty or en route to or from their residences or their places of employment and security guards and alarm agents en

route to or from their residences or employer-required range training. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit cities and counties from enacting ordinances requiring alarm agents to register their names.

(6) Uniformed employees of private patrol operators and private investigators licensed pursuant to Chapter 11.5 (commencing with Section 7512) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code while acting within the course and scope of their employment.

(e) In order to determine whether or not a firearm is loaded for the purpose of enforcing this section, peace officers are authorized to examine any firearm carried by anyone on his or her person or in a vehicle while in any public place or on any public street in an incorporated city or prohibited area of an unincorporated territory. Refusal to allow a peace officer to inspect a firearm pursuant to this section constitutes probable cause for arrest for violation of this section.

(f) As used in this section, "prohibited area" means any place where it is unlawful to discharge a weapon.

(g) A firearm shall be deemed to be loaded for the purposes of this section when there is an unexpended cartridge or shell, consisting of a case which holds a charge of powder and a bullet or shot, in, or attached in any manner to, the firearm, including, but not limited to, in the firing chamber, magazine, or clip thereof attached to the firearm; except that a muzzle-loader firearm shall be deemed to be loaded when it is capped or primed and has a powder charge and ball or shot in the barrel or cylinder.

(h) Nothing in this section shall prevent any person engaged in any lawful business, including a nonprofit organization, or any officer, employee, or agent authorized by that person for lawful purposes connected with that business, from having a loaded firearm within the person's place of business, or any person in lawful possession of private property from having a loaded firearm on that property.

(i) Nothing in this section shall prevent any person from carrying a loaded firearm in an area within an incorporated city while engaged in hunting, provided that the hunting at that place and time is not prohibited by the city council.

(j)(1) Nothing in this section is intended to preclude the carrying of any loaded firearm, under circumstances where it would otherwise be lawful, by a person who reasonably believes that the person or property of himself or herself or of another is in immediate, grave danger and that the carrying of the weapon is necessary for the preservation of that person or property. As used in this subdivision, "immediate" means the brief interval before and after the local law enforcement agency, when reasonably possible, has been notified of the danger and before the arrival of its assistance.

(2) A violation of this section is justifiable when a person who possesses a firearm reasonably believes that he or she is in grave danger because of circumstances forming the basis of a current restraining order issued by a court against another person or persons who has or have been found to pose a threat to

his or her life or safety. This paragraph may not apply when the circumstances involve a mutual restraining order issued pursuant to ~~Sections 2035 and 2036 of the Family Code, or Sections 5514 and 5550 of the Family Code, or Sections 7710 and 7711~~ Division 10 (commencing with Section 6200) of the Family Code absent a factual finding of a specific threat to the person's life or safety. It is not the intent of the Legislature to limit, restrict, or narrow the application of current statutory or judicial authority to apply this or other justifications to defendants charged with violating Section 12025 or of committing other similar offenses.

Upon trial for violating this section, the trier of fact shall determine whether the defendant was acting out of a reasonable belief that he or she was in grave danger.

(k) Nothing in this section is intended to preclude the carrying of a loaded firearm by any person while engaged in the act of making or attempting to make a lawful arrest.

(l) Nothing this section shall prevent any person from having a loaded weapon, if it is otherwise lawful, at his or her place of residence, including any temporary residence or campsite.

**Comment.** Subdivision (j)(2) of Section 12031 is amended to substitute a reference to the Family Code provisions that replaced former Civil Code Section 4359 and to include similar mutual restraining orders issued under other domestic violence provisions. The word "mutual" has been substituted for "reciprocal" to conform to the terminology of the Family Code provisions. See also Fam. Code § 6223 (conditions for issuance of mutual restraining order).

**Interim Comment** Section 12031 is amended to correct the cross-references. This is made necessary by the reorganization and consolidation of the Family Code sections dealing with domestic violence.

**Penal Code § 12076 (technical amendment). Register of firearm sales**

SEC. \_\_\_\_ Section 12076 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

12076. (a) The purchaser or transferee of any firearm shall be required to present clear evidence of his or her identity and age, as defined in Section 12071, to the dealer, and the dealer shall require him or her to sign his or her current legal name and affix his or her residence address and date of birth to the register in quadruplicate. The salesperson shall affix his or her signature to the register in quadruplicate as a witness to the signature and identification of the purchaser or transferee. Any person furnishing a fictitious name or address or knowingly furnishing any incorrect information or knowingly omitting any information required to be provided for the register and any person violating any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(b) Two copies of the original sheet of the register, on the date of sale or transfer, shall be placed in the mail, postage prepaid, and properly addressed to the Department of Justice in Sacramento. The third copy of the original shall be mailed, postage prepaid, to the chief of police, or other head of the police department, of the city or county wherein the sale or transfer is made. Where the sale or transfer is made in a district where there is no municipal police department,

the third copy of the original sheet shall be mailed to the sheriff of the county wherein the sale or transfer is made.

The third copy for firearms, other than pistols, revolvers, or other firearms capable of being concealed upon the person shall be destroyed within five days of receipt and no information shall be compiled therefrom.

(c) The department shall examine its records, as well as those records that it is authorized to request from the State Department of Mental Health pursuant to Section 8104 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, in order to determine if the purchaser or transferee is a person described in Section 12021 or 12021.1 of this code or Section 8100 or 8103 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

If the department determines that the purchaser or transferee is a person described in Section 12021 or 12021.1 of this code or Section 8100 or 8103 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, it shall immediately notify the dealer and the chief of the police department of the city or county in which the sale or transfer was made, or if the sale or transfer was made in a district in which there is no municipal police department, the sheriff of the county in which the sale or transfer was made, of that fact.

If the department determines that the copies of the register submitted to it pursuant to subdivision (b) contain any blank spaces or inaccurate, illegible, or incomplete information, preventing identification of the purchaser or transferee or the pistol, revolver, or other firearm to be purchased or transferred, or if any fee required pursuant to subdivision (d) is not submitted by the dealer in conjunction with submission of copies of the register, the department may notify the dealer of that fact. Upon notification by the department, the dealer shall submit corrected copies of the register to the department, or shall submit any fee required pursuant to subdivision (d), or both, as appropriate and, if notification by the department is received by the dealer at any time prior to delivery of the firearm to be purchased or transferred, the dealer shall withhold delivery until the conclusion of the waiting period described in Sections 12071 and 12072.

(d) The Department of Justice may charge the dealer a fee sufficient to reimburse all of the following:

(1)(A) The department for the cost of furnishing this information. All money received by the department pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Dealers' Record of Sale Special Account of the General Fund, which is hereby created, to be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for expenditure by the department to offset the costs incurred pursuant to this section and Section 12289.

(B) The department for the cost of meeting its obligations under paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section 8100 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(2) Local mental health facilities for state-mandated local costs resulting from the reporting requirements imposed by the amendments to Section 8103 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, made by the act which also added this paragraph.

(3) The State Department of Mental Health for the costs resulting from the requirements imposed by the amendments to Section 8104 of the Welfare and Institutions Code made by the act which also added this paragraph.

(4) Local mental hospitals, sanitariums, and institutions for state-mandated local costs resulting from the reporting requirements imposed by Section 8105 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(5) Local law enforcement agencies for state-mandated local costs resulting from the notification requirements set forth in subdivision (a) of Section ~~5804~~ 6385 of the Family Code created by the act which also added this paragraph.

(6) Local law enforcement agencies for state-mandated local costs resulting from the notification requirements set forth in subdivision (c) of Section 8105 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

The fee established pursuant to this subdivision shall not exceed the sum of the actual processing costs of the department, the estimated reasonable costs of the local mental health facilities for complying with the reporting requirements imposed by the act which added paragraph (2) to this subdivision, the costs of the State Department of Mental Health for complying with the requirements imposed by the act which added paragraph (3) to this subdivision, the estimated reasonable costs of local mental hospitals, sanitariums, and institutions for complying with the reporting requirements imposed by the act which added paragraph (4) to this subdivision, the estimated reasonable costs of local law enforcement agencies for complying with the notification requirements set forth in subdivision (a) of Section ~~5804~~ 6385 of the Family Code created by the act which added paragraph (5) to this subdivision, and the estimated reasonable costs of local law enforcement agencies for complying with the notification requirements set forth in subdivision (c) of Section 8105 of the Welfare and Institutions Code created by the act which added paragraph (6) to this subdivision.

(e) Whenever the Department of Justice acts pursuant to this section as it pertains to firearms other than pistols, revolvers, or other firearms capable of being concealed upon the person, its acts or omissions shall be deemed to be discretionary within the meaning of the California Tort Claims Act pursuant to Division 3.6 (commencing with Section 810) of Title 1 of the Government Code.

**Comment.** Paragraphs (5) and (6) of Section 12076(d) are amended to substitute references to the Family Code provisions that replaced former Code of Civil Procedure Section 550(b).

**Interim Comment** Section 12076 is amended to correct the cross-references. This is made necessary by the reorganization and consolidation of the Family Code sections dealing with domestic violence.

## WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE

**Welf. & Inst. Code § 304 (technical amendment). Custody of dependent child of the court**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 304 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

304. When a minor has been adjudged a dependent child of the juvenile court pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 360, no other division of any superior court



may hear proceedings pursuant to Part 2 (commencing with Section 3020) of Division 8 of the Family Code regarding the custody of the minor. While the minor is a dependent child of the court all issues regarding his or her custody shall be heard by the juvenile court. In deciding issues between the parents or between a parent and a guardian regarding custody of a minor who has been adjudicated a dependent of the juvenile court, the juvenile court may review any records that would be available to the domestic relations division of a superior court hearing such a matter. The juvenile court, on its own motion, may issue an order directed to either of the parents enjoining any action specified in ~~subdivision (b), (c), or (d)~~ of Section ~~2035~~ 6213 of the Family Code. The Judicial Council shall adopt forms for these restraining orders. These form orders shall not be confidential and shall be enforceable in the same manner as any other order issued pursuant to ~~Section 2035~~ Division 10 (commencing with Section 6200) of the Family Code.

This section shall not be construed to divest the domestic relations division of a superior court from hearing any issues regarding the custody of a minor when that minor is no longer a dependent of the juvenile court.

**Comment.** Section 304 is amended to substitute references to the Family Code provisions that replaced the former Civil Code provisions. The reference to Section 6213 is broader than the former reference. Section 6213 includes an order restraining specific acts, excluding a party from a dwelling, and restraining additional behavior necessary to enforce the first two orders. The former reference did not include the order restraining additional behavior.

**Interim Comment** Section 304 is amended to correct the cross-references. This is made necessary by the reorganization and consolidation of the Family Code sections dealing with domestic violence.

**Welf. & Inst. Code § 362.4 (technical amendment). Juvenile court order concerning custody or visitation**

**SEC. \_\_\_\_.** Section 362.4 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

**362.4.** When the juvenile court terminates its jurisdiction over a minor who has been adjudged a dependent child of the juvenile court prior to the minor's attainment of the age of 18 years, and proceedings for the declaration of the nullity or dissolution of the marriage, or for legal separation, ~~of the minor's parents, or~~ proceedings to establish the paternity of the minor child brought under the Uniform Parentage Act, Part 3 (commencing with Section 7600) of Division 12 of the Family Code, are pending in the superior court of any county, or an order has been entered with regard to the custody of that minor, the juvenile court on its own motion, may issue an order directed to either of the parents enjoining any action specified in ~~subdivision (b), (c), or (d)~~ of Section ~~2035~~ 6213 of the Family Code or determining the custody of, or visitation with, the child.

Any order issued pursuant to this section shall continue until modified or terminated by a subsequent order of the superior court. The order of the juvenile court shall be filed in the proceeding for nullity, dissolution, or legal separation, or

in the proceeding to establish paternity, at the time the juvenile court terminates its jurisdiction over the minor, and shall become a part thereof.

If no action is filed or pending relating to the custody of the minor in the superior court of any county, the juvenile court order may be used as the sole basis for opening a file in the superior court of the county in which the parent, who has been given custody, resides. The court may direct the parent or the clerk of the juvenile court to transmit the order to the clerk of the superior court of the county in which the order is to be filed. The clerk of the superior court shall, immediately upon receipt, open a file, without a filing fee, and assign a case number.

The clerk of the superior court shall, upon the filing of any juvenile court custody order, send by first-class mail a copy of the order with the case number to the juvenile court and to the parents at the address listed on the order.

The Judicial Council shall adopt forms for any custody or restraining order issued under this section. These form orders shall not be confidential.

**Comment.** Section 362.4 is amended to substitute the new reference to the Uniform Parentage Act in the Family Code. The reference to Section 6213 is broader than the former reference. Section 6213 includes an order restraining specific acts, excluding a party from a dwelling, and restraining additional behavior necessary to enforce the first two orders. The former reference did not include the order restraining additional behavior.

**Interim Comment** Section 362.4 is amended to correct the cross-references. This is made necessary by the reorganization and consolidation of the Family Code sections dealing with domestic violence.

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## Appendix

### REVISED COMMENTS

*Note. The following comments need to be revised in connection with the reorganization and consolidation of the Family Code provisions dealing with domestic violence.*

#### CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

##### **Code Civ. Proc. § 527. Injunctions and temporary restraining orders**

**Comment.** Section 527 is amended to delete provisions that applied only to orders described in Family Code Section 240, those orders now being governed by Part 4 (commencing with Section 240) of Division 2 of the Family Code, not by this section.

The provision formerly in subdivision (b) of Section 527 is continued in Family Code Section 245-~~6227~~. The new language in subdivision (b) makes clear that the section does not apply to an order described in Family Code Section 240. The provisions of Section 527 that applied to the orders described in Family Code Section 240 have been duplicated in Part 4 (commencing with Section 240) of Division 2 of the Family Code.

#### FAMILY CODE

##### **Fam. Code § 3. Construction of provision drawn from uniform act**

**Comment.** Section 3 generalizes former Civil Code Sections 5003, 5150(1)(i), and 5301, Code of Civil Procedure Section 1651, and Evidence Code Section 891. This section expands the uniform construction rule to the Uniform Parentage Act, which formerly lacked a uniform construction provision. Provisions of the Family Code drawn from uniform acts include:

Uniform Premarital Agreement Act (§§ 1600-1617)

Uniform Divorce Recognition Act (§§ 2090-2093)

Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act (§§ 3400-3425)

Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act (§§ 4800-4854)

Uniform Act on Blood Tests to Determine Paternity (§§ 7550-7557)

Uniform Parentage Act (§§ 7600-~~7750~~ 7730)

See also Sections 7900-7910 (Interstate Compact on Placement of Children).

The former Uniform Civil Liability for Support Act has not been continued as a uniform act. For the disposition of the former sections, see the Comments to Sections 3550-3551, 3554, 3651, 3900, 3910(a), 4000, 4002, 4005(a), 4300, 4303, 4320, 4400, 4402-4405.

##### **Fam. Code § 211. Judicial Council rules of practice and procedure**

**Comment.** Section 211 continues without change and generalizes former Civil Code Section 4001. The former provision applied only to former Part 5 (commencing with Section 4000) of Division 4 of the Civil Code (the former Family Law Act), whereas Section 211 applies to the entire Family Code.

For other provisions relating to Judicial Council rules, see, e.g., Sections 2021, 2025, 2070, 2321. For provisions relating to Judicial Council forms, see, e.g., Sections 95, 115, 2043, 2062, 2250, 2331, 2401, 2402, 3417, 3634, 3668, 3694, 3772, 4506, 4732, 5295, 5512 ~~6221~~, 5520 ~~6229~~, 7710. For provisions relating to other Judicial Council matters, see, e.g., Sections 1816 (development of training program), 1850-1852 (duties in connection with statewide coordination of family mediation and conciliation services), 2400 (adjustment of dollar amounts to reflect

California Consumer Price Index), 2406 (summary dissolution brochure), 3153 (guidelines for determining eligibility for county payment of counsel), 3161 (uniform standards of practice for mediation), 4005 (development of age increase formula), 4066 (study and report on child support guidelines), 4552 (duties regarding procedure for deposit of money to secure future child support payments, including development of rules and forms).

**Fam. Code § 270. Costs and attorney's fees during pendency of proceeding**

**Comment.** Section 270 continues former Civil Code Section 4370(a) without substantive change. The phrase "proceeding for dissolution of marriage, for nullity of marriage, or for legal separation of the parties" replaces the former reference to "proceeding under this part." The phrase "proceeding under this part" as used in former Civil Code Section 4370(a) referred to the former Family Law Act (former Part 5 (commencing with former Section 4000) of Division 4 of the Civil Code).

Section 272 requires that the award of attorney's fees and costs under Section 270 be just and reasonable under relevant circumstances of the parties. See *In re Marriage of Hublou*, 231 Cal. App. 3d 956, 282 Cal. Rptr. 695 (1991).

Special provisions may govern attorney's fees and costs in particular circumstances. See, e.g., Sections 916 (attorney's fees in enforcing right to reimbursement after division of community property), 1101(g) (breach of fiduciary duty), 2255 (attorney's fees and costs in proceeding for judgment of nullity of marriage), 2334 (order for attorney's fees during period of continuance for reconciliation), 3027 (attorney's fees in proceeding to recover monetary sanction for false accusation of child abuse or neglect), 3028 (attorney's fees in proceeding to recover compensation for failure to assume caretaker responsibility or for thwarting other parent's visitation or custody rights), 3113, 3150-3153, 3174 (appointment of counsel to represent child in custody or visitation proceeding), 3407 (attorney's fees where custody or visitation proceeding commenced in clearly inappropriate forum), 3408 (attorney's fees where jurisdiction declined by reason of conduct), 3416 (attorney's fees for enforcement of sister state custody order), 3652 (attorney's fees in proceeding to modify or terminate child support order), 4002 (attorney's fees for county enforcement of child support), 4303 (attorney's fees for county enforcement of spousal support), 4403 (attorney's fees for county enforcement of parent's right to support), 4803 (limitation on recovery of attorney's fees in proceeding under Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act), 5283(d) (earnings assignment order), 5755, 5805 ~~6386~~ (attorney's fees in proceeding under Domestic Violence Prevention Act), 6602 (contract for attorney's fees for services in litigation for minor), 7640 (counsel fees and costs under Uniform Parentage Act), 7827, 7860-7864, 7895 (appointment of counsel in proceeding to declare child free from parental custody and control), 8800 (independent adoption).

**Fam. Code § 754. Limitation on disposition of separate property residence if notice of pendency of proceeding recorded**

**Comment.** Section 754 continues former Civil Code Section 5102(b) without substantive change. See also Section 700 (real property includes leasehold interests in real property).

Section 754 provides a means of restraining transfer or encumbrance of a separate property dwelling for a three-month period during the pendency of separation, annulment, or dissolution proceedings. The restraint applies to voluntary dispositions of the dwelling, as well as involuntary dispositions, such as pursuant to a writ of execution. As to the authority of the court to restrain transfer during pendency of these proceedings, see Section Sections 2035 and 2040. See also Section 2030 (temporary restraining order in summons). A community property dwelling may not be transferred or encumbered without joinder or consent of both spouses. See Sections 1100(c) (disposition or encumbrance of personal property family dwelling), 1102 (lease, transfer, or encumbrance of real property).

For background on former Civil Code Section 5102, see *Tentative Recommendation Proposing the Enforcement of Judgments Law*, 15 Cal. L. Revision Comm'n Reports 2001, 2630 (1980).

**Fam. Code § 1816. Continuing instruction programs**

**Comment.** Section 1816 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 1745.5 without substantive change. See also Sections ~~55 (“abuse” defined)~~, ~~70 (“domestic violence” defined)~~.

**Fam. Code § 1830. Jurisdiction of family conciliation court**

**Comment.** Section 1830 restates former Code of Civil Procedure Section 1760 without substantive change. The reference to legal separation has been added to conform with other sections. See, e.g., Sections 1831, 1840, 1841. See also Sections ~~70 (“domestic violence” defined)~~, 1842 (conciliation court may accept other cases where no minor children involved), 3155-3183 (mediation of visitation or custody issues), 3190-3192 (counseling of parents and child).

**Fam. Code § 1833. Contents of petition**

**Comment.** Section 1833 continues former Code of Civil Procedure Section 1763 without substantive change. See also Section ~~70 (“domestic violence” defined)~~.

**Fam. Code § 3600. Order for support during pendency of proceeding**

**Comment.** Section 3600 continues the first sentence of former Civil Code Section 4357(a) without substantive change. The language describing the support proceedings to which this section applies is drawn from the first sentence of former Civil Code Section 4700(a)(1), with the addition of language to make clear that this section applies to a child for whom support is authorized under Section 3901. This is not intended as a substantive change. The word “support” has been substituted for “support and maintenance” with reference to support of a husband or wife, since “maintenance” is surplus. The word “support” has been substituted for “support and education” with reference to support of a child. This is not a substantive change. See Section 150 (when used with reference to minor child, “support” includes education). A reference to “child” has been substituted for “children.” This is not a substantive change. See Section 10 (singular includes plural). A reference to the “superior” court has been omitted as surplus. See Section 200 (jurisdiction in superior court).

See also Sections ~~240-245 (ex parte support orders)~~, 273 (attorney’s fees for enforcement of support order), 2254 (order for support of putative spouse), 3017 (support order required where parent receiving public assistance).