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**HOUSE BILL 25-1098**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING ESTABLISHING AN AUTOMATED PROTECTION ORDER**  
102              **VICTIM NOTIFICATION SYSTEM IN THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL**  
103              **JUSTICE.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill requires the division of criminal justice in the department of public safety (division) to establish an automated protection order victim notification system (notification system) to provide a victim, a victim's immediate family, and other interested persons (registered users) with information related to a criminal or civil protection order. The

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
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notification system must disseminate specific information to registered users in English and Spanish through a telephone call, text message, or mobile phone application. The bill authorizes the division to contract with a third-party entity to provide the functionality for the notification system.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-33.5-537 as  
3 follows:

4 **24-33.5-537. Automated protection order victim notification**  
5 **system - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT  
6 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7 (a) "INTERESTED PERSON" MEANS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER,  
8 A JUDICIAL OFFICER, A DISTRICT ATTORNEY, OR A VICTIM RIGHTS  
9 ADVOCATE.

10 (b) "REGISTERED USER" MEANS A VICTIM, A VICTIM'S IMMEDIATE  
11 FAMILY, OR OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS WHO ARE REGISTERED WITH THE  
12 AUTOMATED PROTECTION ORDER VICTIM NOTIFICATION SYSTEM.

13 (c) "VICTIM" MEANS ANY NATURAL PERSON AGAINST WHOM ANY  
14 CRIME HAS BEEN PERPETRATED OR ATTEMPTED, UNLESS THE PERSON IS  
15 ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE CRIME OR A CRIME ARISING FROM THE SAME  
16 CONDUCT OR PLAN, AS CRIME IS DEFINED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE  
17 OR OF THE UNITED STATES, OR, IF THE PERSON IS DECEASED OR  
18 INCAPACITATED, THE PERSON'S SPOUSE, PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, CHILD,  
19 SIBLING, GRANDPARENT, GRANDCHILD, SIGNIFICANT OTHER, OR OTHER  
20 LAWFUL REPRESENTATIVE.

21 (d) "VICTIM'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY" MEANS THE SPOUSE, A CHILD BY  
22 BIRTH OR ADOPTION, A STEPCHILD, A PARENT, A STEPPARENT, A SIBLING,  
23 A LEGAL GUARDIAN, A SIGNIFICANT OTHER, OR A LAWFUL

1 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VICTIM.

2 (2) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, THE DIVISION SHALL  
3 ESTABLISH AN AUTOMATED PROTECTION ORDER VICTIM NOTIFICATION  
4 SYSTEM TO PROVIDE A VICTIM, A VICTIM'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY, AND OTHER  
5 INTERESTED PERSONS WITH INFORMATION RELATED TO A PROTECTION  
6 ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-1-1001, ARTICLE 14 OF TITLE 13,  
7 OR ARTICLE 14.5 OF TITLE 13.

8 (3) THE AUTOMATED PROTECTION ORDER VICTIM NOTIFICATION  
9 SYSTEM MUST INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING  
10 INFORMATION:

11 (a) THE DATE THE PROTECTION ORDER IS SERVED;

12 (b) AN ADVANCE NOTICE OCCURRING ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS  
13 BEFORE AND AGAIN OCCURRING THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE PROTECTION  
14 ORDER EXPIRES;

15 (c) WHETHER THE PERSON WHO THE PROTECTION ORDER IS ISSUED  
16 AGAINST APPLIED FOR AND WAS DENIED THE PURCHASE OR TRANSFER OF  
17 A FIREARM AS THE RESULT OF A BACKGROUND CHECK; AND

18 (d) WHETHER THE PERSON WHO THE PROTECTION ORDER IS ISSUED  
19 AGAINST COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED A FIREARM PURCHASE OR TRANSFER  
20 APPLICATION THAT INDICATED THE PERSON WAS INELIGIBLE TO POSSESS A  
21 FIREARM PURSUANT TO STATE OR FEDERAL LAW.

22 (4) THE AUTOMATED PROTECTION ORDER VICTIM NOTIFICATION  
23 SYSTEM MUST DISSEMINATE THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION  
24 (3) OF THIS SECTION TO REGISTERED USERS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH  
25 THROUGH A TELEPHONE CALL, TEXT MESSAGE, OR MOBILE PHONE  
26 APPLICATION.

27 (5) THE DIVISION MAY CONTRACT WITH A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY TO

1 PROVIDE THE FUNCTIONALITY FOR THE AUTOMATED PROTECTION ORDER  
2 VICTIM NOTIFICATION SYSTEM. THE THIRD-PARTY ENTITY MUST BE ABLE  
3 TO:

4 (a) OPERATE A SUPPORT CENTER THAT IS OPEN TWENTY-FOUR  
5 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK;

6 (b) SEND EMAILS TO REGISTERED USERS AND DEVELOP A MOBILE  
7 PHONE APPLICATION;

8 (c) PROVIDE SPANISH INTERPRETATION SERVICES; AND

9 (d) PROVIDE DIRECTORY OR CONTACT INFORMATION FOR  
10 AVAILABLE SUPPORTIVE RESOURCES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,  
11 HOUSING, PHYSICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
12 VICTIM ASSISTANCE, AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

13 (6) THE AUTOMATED PROTECTION ORDER VICTIM NOTIFICATION  
14 SYSTEM MUST BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE STATE'S EXISTING AUTOMATED  
15 VICTIM NOTIFICATION SYSTEM DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-4.1-303 (15)(c).

16 (7) A PUBLIC ENTITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 24-10-103, IS  
17 IMMUNE FROM LIABILITY IN ANY CIVIL ACTION BASED ON THE PUBLIC  
18 ENTITY'S RELEASE OF INFORMATION OR THE FAILURE TO RELEASE  
19 INFORMATION RELATED TO THE AUTOMATED PROTECTION ORDER VICTIM  
20 NOTIFICATION SYSTEM AS LONG AS THE RELEASE OR FAILURE TO RELEASE  
21 WAS NOT THE RESULT OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

22 (8) THE DIVISION MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS,  
23 OR DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES OF  
24 THIS SECTION.

25 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
26 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
27 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except

1 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
2 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
3 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
4 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
5 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
6 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.