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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT REGARDING THE CARE OF PETS UNDER THE DOMESTIC  
9 ABUSE ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

11 REGARDING THE CARE OF PETS UNDER THE  
12 DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-15-205 is amended to read as follows:  
20 9-15-205. Relief generally – Duration.

21 (a) At the hearing on the petition filed under this chapter, upon a  
22 finding of domestic abuse as defined in § 9-15-103, the court may provide the  
23 following relief:

24 (1) Exclude the abusing party from the dwelling that the parties  
25 share or from the residence of the petitioner or victim;

26 (2) Exclude the abusing party from the place of business or  
27 employment, school, or other location of the petitioner or victim;

28 (3)(A) Award temporary custody or establish temporary visitation  
29 rights with regard to minor children of the parties.

30 (B)(i) If a previous child custody or visitation  
31 determination has been made by another court with continuing jurisdiction  
32 with regard to the minor children of the parties, a temporary child custody  
33 or visitation determination may be made under subdivision (a)(3)(A) of this  
34 section.

35 (ii) The order shall remain in effect until the  
36 court with original jurisdiction enters a subsequent order regarding the



1 children;

2 (4) Order temporary support for minor children or a spouse, with  
 3 such support to be enforced in the manner prescribed by law for other child  
 4 support and alimony awards;

5 (5) Allow the prevailing party a reasonable attorney's fee as  
 6 part of the costs;

7 (6) Prohibit the abusing party directly or through an agent from  
 8 contacting the petitioner or victim except under specific conditions named in  
 9 the order; ~~and~~

10 (7) Direct the care, custody, or control of any animal owned,  
 11 possessed, leased, kept, or held by either party residing in the household;  
 12 and

13 ~~(7)(A)(8)(A)~~ Order ~~such~~ other relief as the court deems  
 14 necessary or appropriate for the protection of a family or household member.

15 (B) The relief may include, but not be limited to,  
 16 enjoining and restraining the abusing party from doing, attempting to do, or  
 17 threatening to do any act injuring, mistreating, molesting, or harassing the  
 18 petitioner.

19 (b) Any relief granted by the court for protection under the  
 20 provisions of this chapter shall be for a fixed period of time not less than  
 21 ninety (90) days nor more than ten (10) years in duration, in the discretion  
 22 of the court, and may be renewed at a subsequent hearing upon proof and a  
 23 finding by the court that the threat of domestic abuse still exists.

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