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An act relating to protective injunctions from repeat, sexual, and dating violence; amending s. 784.046, F.S.; providing for the confidential filing of certain information in support of a petition for a protective

injunction from repeat, sexual, or dating violence when

such information is otherwise confidential and exempt;

revising requirements relating to documents filed in

support of such petition; amending ss. 784.047, and

784.08, F.S; clarifying cross references to conform;

providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 784.046, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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784.046 Action by victim of repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence for protective injunction; powers and duties of court and clerk of court; filing and form of petition; notice and hearing; temporary injunction; issuance; statewide verification system; enforcement.--

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The sworn petition must be in substantially the (b) following form:

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PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION AGAINST REPEAT VIOLENCE, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, OR DATING VIOLENCE

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30	Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared
31	Petitioner (Name), who has been sworn and says that
32	the following statements are true:
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34	1. Petitioner resides at (address) (petitioner
35	may furnish an address to the court in a separate confidential
36	filing if such information is otherwise confidential and exempt
37	from the provisions of chapter 119 and s. 24, Art. I of the
38	State Constitution)
39	2. Respondent resides at (address)
40	3.a. Petitioner has suffered repeat violence as
41	demonstrated by the fact that the respondent has:
42	(enumerate incidents of violence)
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48	b. Petitioner has suffered sexual violence as demonstrated
49	by the fact that the respondent has: (enumerate incident of
50	violence and <u>include</u> attach incident report <u>number from</u> by law
51	enforcement agency or <u>attach</u> notice of inmate release.)
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57	c. Petitioner is a victim of dating violence and has
58	reasonable cause to believe that he or she is in imminent danger
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of becoming the victim of another act of dating violence or has reasonable cause to believe that he or she is in imminent danger of becoming a victim of dating violence, as demonstrated by the fact that the respondent has: ... (list the specific incident or incidents of violence and describe the length of time of the relationship, whether it has been in existence during the last 6 months, the nature of the relationship of a romantic or intimate nature, the frequency and type of interaction, and any other facts that characterize the relationship.) ...

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4. Petitioner genuinely fears repeat violence by the respondent.

5. Petitioner seeks: an immediate injunction against the respondent, enjoining him or her from committing any further acts of violence; an injunction enjoining the respondent from committing any further acts of violence; and an injunction providing any terms the court deems necessary for the protection of the petitioner and the petitioner's immediate family, including any injunctions or directives to law enforcement agencies.

Section 2. Section 784.047, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

784.047 Penalties for violating protective injunction against violators.--A person who willfully violates an injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual

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violence, or dating violence, issued pursuant to s. 784.046, or a foreign protection order accorded full faith and credit pursuant to s. 741.315 by:

(1) Refusing to vacate the dwelling that the parties share;

- (2) Going to the petitioner's residence, school, place of employment, or a specified place frequented regularly by the petitioner and any named family or household member;
- (3) Committing an act of repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence against the petitioner;
- (4) Committing any other violation of the injunction through an intentional unlawful threat, word, or act to do violence to the petitioner; or
- (5) Telephoning, contacting, or otherwise communicating with the petitioner directly or indirectly, unless the injunction specifically allows indirect contact through a third party;

commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 784.048, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

784.048 Stalking; definitions; penalties.--

(4) Any person who, after an injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence pursuant to s. 784.046, or an injunction for protection against domestic violence pursuant to s. 741.30, or after any other court-imposed prohibition of conduct toward the subject person or that person's property, knowingly, willfully, maliciously,

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and repeatedly follows, harasses, or cyberstalks another person
commits the offense of aggravated stalking, a felony of the
third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,
or s. 775.084.
Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.

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