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Section 1. Section 741.311, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

741.311 Hope Card Program for persons issued orders of protection.-

(1) The Office of the State Courts Administrator, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General and the clerks of the circuit courts through their association, shall develop the Hope Card Program, which provides for the issuance of a Hope Card to any person who has been issued an order of protection by a county or circuit court in this state, or by a court of a foreign state pursuant to s. 741.315. The clerks of the circuit courts shall implement the Hope Card Program.

(2) Beginning July 1, 2024, a person who has been issued a final judgment on injunction for protection under s. 741.30, s. 784.046, s. 784.0485, or s. 825.1035 may apply for a Hope Card with the clerk of the court of the circuit where the petition for an injunction for protection was initially filed. A person protected by a foreign protection order under s. 741.315 may submit an application for a Hope Card to any clerk of court in the state. A person may apply for a Hope Card at the time the final judgment on injunction for protection is issued or at any other time before the expiration of the order of protection.

(3) Hope Card applications must be available on the website of each clerk of the court and paper applications must

51 also be available at the clerk's office. After the court has
52 issued an injunction for protection and within 24 hours after
53 receipt of an application, the clerk of the court shall mail the
54 Hope Card to the petitioner by certified mail.

55 (4) The clerk of the court may not assess a fee for the
56 issuance of a Hope Card.

57 (5) A Hope Card is valid for 2 years after the date of
58 issuance or the expiration date of the injunction for
59 protection, whichever is earlier. A Hope Card may be renewed
60 after the 2-year period if the injunction for protection is
61 still in effect.

62 (6) A Hope Card issued under the program must be a
63 durable, laminated, wallet-sized card containing all of the
64 following information:

65 (a) The respondent's name, date of birth, height, weight,
66 sex, race, eye color, hair color, and any other distinguishing
67 features or characteristics of the respondent.

68 (b) The petitioner's name and date of birth and the names
69 and dates of birth of any minor children protected under the
70 order.

71 (c) The name and date of birth, if applicable, of any
72 other person or animal protected under the order.

73 (d) Pertinent information about the order of protection,
74 including, but not limited to, the issuing court; the case
75 number; the date the order of protection was issued; the

76 expiration date, if any, of the order of protection; the
77 locations from which the respondent is restrained; and any other
78 relevant details of the order.

79 (e) A statement providing that the Hope Card is valid for
80 2 years after the date of issuance or until the expiration date
81 of the injunction for protection, whichever is earlier.

82 (7) A person who, having actual knowledge that he or she
83 is not protected by an injunction that is currently in full
84 force and effect, knowingly and willfully presents to another
85 person a Hope Card or other document purporting to be a Hope
86 Card for the purpose of evidencing the existence of an
87 injunction for protection, commits a misdemeanor of the second
88 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

89 Section 2. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (8) of
90 section 741.30, Florida Statutes, to read:

91 741.30 Domestic violence; injunction; powers and duties of
92 court and clerk; petition; notice and hearing; temporary
93 injunction; issuance of injunction; statewide verification
94 system; enforcement; public records exemption.—

95 (8)

96 (d) If the petitioner applies for a Hope Card under s.
97 741.311, after the court has issued a final order of protection,
98 the clerk of the court must mail the Hope Card to the petitioner
99 by certified mail within 24 hours after receipt of the
100 petitioner's application for the card.

101 Section 3. Subsections (4), (5), and (6) of section
102 741.315, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5),
103 (6), and (7), respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to
104 that section, to read:

105 741.315 Recognition of foreign protection orders.—

106 (4) A person protected by an injunction for protection
107 issued by a court of a foreign state may apply for a Hope Card
108 under s. 741.311, as if the order of protection was issued by a
109 Florida court. Failure to register a foreign order does not
110 preclude a protected person from applying and receiving a Hope
111 Card.

112 Section 4. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (8) of
113 section 784.046, Florida Statutes, to read:

114 784.046 Action by victim of repeat violence, sexual
115 violence, or dating violence for protective injunction; dating
116 violence investigations, notice to victims, and reporting;
117 pretrial release violations; public records exemption.—

118 (8)

119 (d) If the petitioner applies for a Hope Card under s.
120 741.311, after the court has issued a final order of protection,
121 the clerk of the court must mail the Hope Card to the petitioner
122 by certified mail within 24 hours after receipt of the
123 petitioner's application for the card.

124 Section 5. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (8) of
125 section 784.0485, Florida Statutes, to read:

126 784.0485 Stalking; injunction; powers and duties of court
 127 and clerk; petition; notice and hearing; temporary injunction;
 128 issuance of injunction; statewide verification system;
 129 enforcement.—

130 (8)

131 (c) If the petitioner applies for a Hope Card under s.
 132 741.311, after the court has issued a final order of protection,
 133 the clerk of the court must mail the Hope Card to the petitioner
 134 by certified mail within 24 hours after receipt of the
 135 petitioner's application for the card.

136 Section 6. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (10) of
 137 section 825.1035, Florida Statutes, to read:

138 825.1035 Injunction for protection against exploitation of
 139 a vulnerable adult.—

140 (10) TRANSMITTAL TO SHERIFF; SERVICE; HOPE CARD.—

141 (c) If the petitioner applies for a Hope Card under s.
 142 741.311, after the court has issued a final order of protection,
 143 the clerk of the court must mail the Hope Card to the petitioner
 144 by certified mail within 24 hours after receipt of the
 145 petitioner's application for the card.

146 Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.