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House Bill 1298

(Delegate Giannetti)

Judiciary

Courts - Peace Orders for Acts Committed Against Employees

This bill authorizes an employer to file a petition for a peace order for acts committed against the employer's employee.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: It is expected that any additional peace order petitions resulting from the bill could be handled by the District Court using existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: An individual who is not eligible for relief from domestic violence and who can show a legitimate reason to fear harm from another individual may apply for a peace order from the District Court requiring the other individual to stay away. If the court finds that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the respondent has committed, and is likely to commit in the future, a specified act against the petitioner, the court, in an ex parte proceeding, may issue a temporary peace order to protect the petitioner. Subsequently, a peace order hearing must be held, at which the respondent shall have the opportunity to be heard. At the conclusion of that hearing, the court may issue a peace order containing specified types of relief.

A temporary peace order or peace order may order the respondent to remain away from the place of employment of the petitioner.

Background: The District Court handled more than 4,500 peace order cases in fiscal 2000.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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