

SENATE BILL No. 265

By Committee on Ways and Means

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AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to violation of a protective order; increasing criminal penalties for repeat violations; amending K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 21-5924 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 21-5924 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-5924. (a) Violation of a protective order is knowingly violating:

(1) A protection from abuse order issued pursuant to K.S.A. 60-3105, 60-3106 or 60-3107, and amendments thereto;

(2) a protective order issued by a court or tribunal of any state or Indian tribe that is consistent with the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 2265, ~~and amendments thereto;~~

(3) a restraining order issued pursuant to *K.S.A. 38-2243, 38-2244 or 38-2255, and amendments thereto, or* K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 23-2707, ~~38-2243, 38-2244 or 38-2255,~~ and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 60-1607, prior to its transfer;

(4) an order issued in this or any other state as a condition of pretrial release, diversion, probation, suspended sentence, postrelease supervision or at any other time during the criminal case that orders the person to refrain from having any direct or indirect contact with another person;

(5) an order issued in this or any other state as a condition of release after conviction or as a condition of a supersedeas bond pending disposition of an appeal, that orders the person to refrain from having any direct or indirect contact with another person; or

(6) a protection from stalking, sexual assault or human trafficking order issued pursuant to K.S.A. 60-31a05 or 60-31a06, and amendments thereto.

(b) (1) *Except as provided in subsection (b)(2),* violation of a protective order is a:

(A) Class A person misdemeanor, except as provided in subsection ~~(b)~~ ~~(2)~~ *(b)(1)(B); and*

(B) *severity level 7, person felony upon a second or subsequent conviction.*

(2) Violation of an extended protective order as described in K.S.A.

1 60-3107(e)(2), ~~and amendments thereto~~, and ~~K.S.A.~~ 60-31a06(d), and
2 amendments thereto, is a:

3 (A) Severity level 6, person felony, *except as provided in subsection*
4 *(b)(2)(B)*; and

5 (B) *severity level 4, person felony upon a second or subsequent*
6 *conviction.*

7 (c) No protective order, as set forth in this section, shall be construed
8 to prohibit an attorney, or any person acting on such attorney's behalf, who
9 is representing the defendant in any civil or criminal proceeding, from
10 contacting the protected party for a legitimate purpose within the scope of
11 the civil or criminal proceeding. The attorney, or person acting on such
12 attorney's behalf, shall be identified in any such contact.

13 (d) As used in this section, "order" includes any order issued by a
14 municipal or district court.

15 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 21-5924 is hereby repealed.

16 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
17 publication in the statute book.