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Senate Bill 313 Printer's No. 327

Prime Sponsor: Boscola
Committee: Judiciary

SYNOPSIS:

Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) to provide victims pursuant to a protection from abuse (PFA) order certain exemptions and privileges with respect to termination of a shared telephone plan contract.

SUMMARY:

Amends the rule regarding conditions of relief that a judge may impose when granting a PFA order to include requiring the defendant to remove the plaintiff from a shared telephone plan and to bear any costs associated the termination. Failure to satisfy these terms of the PFA shall be subject to the existing penalties for violation of a PFA.

Creates a new section titled "Shared telephone plans" which requires that a telecommunications service provider must allow a victim of domestic violence involving a person under the same telephone plan contract to opt out of the contract without applicable fees and charges and provide the person seeking accommodation a new number within 24 hours if the domestic violence victim requesting to opt out of the contract does so in writing and provides at least one of the following documents which is issued no more than six months prior to the request:

- a valid police report,
- a valid PFA order,
- a signed affidavit from a licensed medical or mental health care provider, an employee of a court acting

Effective date: 60 days.

BILL HISTORY:

- Introduced and referred to Senate Judiciary on 2/15/2017.

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