

AN ACT

relating to the authority of a magistrate to prohibit certain communications in an order for emergency protection; amending provisions subject to a criminal penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Article 17.292(c), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The magistrate in the order for emergency protection may prohibit the arrested party from:

(1) committing:

(A) family violence or an assault on the person protected under the order; or

(B) an act in furtherance of an offense under Section 42.072, Penal Code;

(2) communicating:

(A) directly with a member of the family or household or with the person protected under the order in a threatening or harassing manner; ~~or~~

(B) a threat through any person to a member of the family or household or to the person protected under the order; or

(C) if the magistrate finds good cause, in any manner with a person protected under the order or a member of the family or household of a person protected under the order, except through the party's attorney or a person appointed by the court;

1           (3) going to or near:

2                   (A) the residence, place of employment, or  
3 business of a member of the family or household or of the person  
4 protected under the order; or

5                   (B) the residence, child care facility, or school  
6 where a child protected under the order resides or attends; or

7           (4) possessing a firearm, unless the person is a peace  
8 officer, as defined by Section 1.07, Penal Code, actively engaged  
9 in employment as a sworn, full-time paid employee of a state agency  
10 or political subdivision.

11           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 112 passed the Senate on April 13, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 13, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 112 passed the House, with amendment, on May 5, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor