

SB173 INTRODUCED



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3 By Senator Bell
4 RFD: Judiciary
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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, a violation of a domestic
6 violence protection order is a Class A misdemeanor.

7 This bill would provide the circuit and district
8 courts of this state with exclusive and concurrent
9 jurisdiction over prosecutions for a violation of a
10 domestic violence protection order.

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13 A BILL

14 TO BE ENTITLED

15 AN ACT

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17 Relating to crimes and offenses; to amend Section
18 13A-6-142, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the
19 jurisdiction over prosecutions for violations of domestic
20 violence protection orders.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. Section 13A-6-142, Code of Alabama 1975, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 "§13A-6-142

25 (a) A person commits the crime of violation of a
26 domestic violence protection order if the person knowingly
27 commits any act prohibited by a domestic violence protection
28 order or willfully fails to abide by any term of a domestic



29 violence protection order.

30 (b) A violation of a domestic violence protection order
31 is a Class A misdemeanor which shall be punishable as provided
32 by law. A second conviction for violation of a domestic
33 violence protection order, in addition to any other penalty or
34 fine, shall be punishable by a minimum of 30 days imprisonment
35 which may not be suspended. A third or subsequent conviction
36 is a Class C felony.

37 (c) In addition to any other fine or penalty provided
38 by law, the court shall order the defendant to pay an
39 additional fine of fifty dollars (\$50) for a violation of a
40 domestic violence protection order to be distributed to the
41 Domestic Violence Trust Fund, established by Section 30-6-11.

42 (d) The circuit and district courts of this state shall
43 have exclusive and concurrent jurisdiction over prosecutions
44 for violations of this section or any other prosecution for an
45 action that would constitute a violation of this section.

46 (e) Any prosecution for a violation of this section, or
47 any other prosecution for an action that would constitute a
48 violation of this section, that is pending on October 1, 2026,
49 shall be transferred to the relevant district or circuit
50 court, whichever is applicable."

51 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
52 1, 2026.