

## SB173 INTRODUCED



1 SB173  
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SYNOPSIS:

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

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

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

"§13A-6-142

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



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violence protection order.

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

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

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

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

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