

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 27, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. CLARK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the judiciary law, in relation to enacting the "hope card act"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "hope card act".

3 § 2. The judiciary law is amended by adding a new article 22-B to read
4 as follows:

5 ARTICLE 22-B
6 HOPE CARD ACT

7 Section 858. Hope cards.

8 § 858. Hope cards. 1. As used in this section, "hope card" shall mean
9 a laminated and wallet-sized card that contains information about an
10 order of protection.

11 2. The office of court administration shall develop a program to issue
12 a hope card to a petitioner that has been granted a final order of
13 protection. The program shall allow for petitioners the ability to
14 request a hope card at the time a final order of protection has been
15 issued while in court, and the ability to apply at a later date.

16 3. A hope card shall be provided at no cost to a requesting petition-
17 er; and shall contain information about the respondent, as well as any
18 information regarding any other individuals or companion animals covered
19 under such order of protection, in addition to the petitioner. Hope
20 cards shall have the same effect of a paper order of protection issued
21 by the courts, and have the same validity contained therein. No limits
22 shall be imposed on the number of hope cards a petitioner may request.

23 4. Applications for hope cards shall be made accessible in an online
24 portal developed and maintained by the office of court administration,

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 as well as a paper form to be made available at any court with jurisdic-
2 tion to issue an order of protection.

3 § 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
4 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately the addition, amend-
5 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the imple-
6 mentation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made
7 and completed on or before such date.