STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 23, 2023

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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:

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

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

ARTICLE 22-B

HOPE CARD ACT

Section 858. Hope cards.

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

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

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

4. Applications for hope cards shall be made accessible in an online 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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as well as a paper form to be made available at any court with jurisdiction to issue an order of protection.

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