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2015 Wisconsin Act 352 [2015 Senate Bill 351]

Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act

Under Wisconsin law, protection orders issued by another state or an Indian tribe receive full faith and credit in Wisconsin, allowing Wisconsin courts to enforce these orders if certain procedural requirements are met. Wisconsin law also gives law enforcement officers the authority to arrest a person subject to a protection order if the law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe the person has violated a valid foreign protection order.

2015 Wisconsin Act 352 reorganized prior law and created additional statutory language to enact the 2002 Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Orders Act, as adopted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform Laws. The Act makes numerous changes regarding definitions, filing fees, and immunity for government officials enforcing foreign protection orders. The Act also sets forth procedures for enforcing foreign protection orders.

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