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Act No. 12 (S.9). An act relating to after-hours access to orders against sexual assault

Subjects: Court procedure; orders against stalking and sexual assault

This act allows a person to obtain an emergency protection order against sexual assault outside of regular court hours in the same manner that emergency domestic violence orders are obtained and directs the Court Administrator to establish procedures for obtaining such orders on nights, weekends, and holidays. Additionally, the act provides that when a defendant who is present in court at the time an order is issued and is, therefore, considered served, a copy of the order shall be mailed to the defendant and need not be delivered by a law enforcement officer.

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