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**Act No. 97 (S.221). Firearms and dangerous weapons; extreme risk protection orders**

**An act relating to establishing extreme risk protection orders.**

This act establishes a procedure for a State's Attorney or the Attorney General to obtain a court order, called an Extreme Risk Protection Order (known as an ERPO) that prohibits a person from possessing a firearm or explosive for up to six months if the court finds that the person's possession of the weapon poses an extreme risk of harm to the person or to other people. The court may issue an ex parte ERPO that lasts for up to 14 days if it finds that the person possessing the weapons poses an imminent and extreme risk of causing harm to himself or herself or another person by having a dangerous weapon. A person who intentionally violates an extreme risk protection order after being served with notice of its contents or a person who files a petition for the order knowing that information in the petition is false or with the intent to harass the weapon owner is subject to one year of imprisonment or a fine of \$1,000.00, or both.

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