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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in protection from abuse, providing  
3 for waiver of fee for corrected or duplicate State documents.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 6123. Waiver of fee for corrected or duplicate State  
9 documents.

10 (a) Requirements for waiver.--A person who satisfies the  
11 following requirements and does not have access to the original  
12 document the person is seeking to replace or correct is eligible  
13 for a waiver of fees under subsections (b) and (c) if:

14 (1) All of the following apply:

15 (i) The person has been granted relief under section  
16 6107(b) (relating to hearings) or 6108 (relating to  
17 relief).

18 (ii) The relief under subparagraph (i) was granted

1 no more than 90 days prior to the person applying for a  
2 waiver under this section.

3 (2) The person does not qualify under paragraph (1) but  
4 was the subject of abuse within the previous 120 days and the  
5 abuse is verified through one of the following methods:

6 (i) A statement by an employee, agent or volunteer  
7 of a victim service provider, an attorney, a medical  
8 professional or a mental health professional from whom  
9 the victim has sought assistance relating to the abuse,  
10 including the use of a standardized form under subsection  
11 (e).

12 (ii) A statement verifying the abuse. An individual  
13 who provides materially false information in the  
14 statement under this clause shall be subject to a penalty  
15 of \$50 plus the fee charged for the document the  
16 individual sought to obtain under this section.

17 (b) Waiver of fee by Department of Transportation.--Upon  
18 application of a person who qualifies under subsection (a), the  
19 Department of Transportation shall waive the fee for a duplicate  
20 or corrected certificate of title, photo identification card,  
21 noncommercial driver's license, commercial driver's license,  
22 camera card, learner's permit or registration card. A qualifying  
23 person with dependents shall also receive a waiver of fee under  
24 this section for a duplicate or corrected document for the  
25 person's dependents.

26 (c) Waiver of fee by Department of Health.--Upon application  
27 of a person who qualifies under subsection (a), the Department  
28 of Health shall waive the fee for a certified copy of birth  
29 record. A qualifying person with dependents shall also receive a  
30 waiver of fee under this section for a duplicate or corrected

1 document for the person's dependents.

2 (d) Implementation by agencies.--Within 90 days of the  
3 effective date of this subsection, the Department of  
4 Transportation and the Department of Health shall establish a  
5 statement of policy providing for applications made under  
6 subsection (b) or (c), as applicable. A statement of policy  
7 under this subsection shall be made available on the agency's  
8 publicly accessible Internet website and shall be reviewed by  
9 the agency at least every five years.

10 (e) Forms.--The Office of Victim Advocate shall develop  
11 standardized forms for documenting abuse and providing a method  
12 for third party attestation of abuse under this section.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.