

SENATE FILE NO. SF0167

Domestic violence protection hearings-remote appearance.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Nethercott, Biteman, French,
Landen and Schuler and Representative(s)
Byron, Crago, Harshman and Jennings

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to domestic violence protection;
2 authorizing parties to remotely attend hearings for orders
3 of protection as specified; and providing for an effective
4 date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 7-3-507 by creating a new subsection
9 (f) and 35-21-103 by creating a new subsection (j) are
10 amended to read:

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12 **7-3-507. Petition for order of protection; contents;**
13 **requisites; indigent petitioners; remote appearance at**
14 **hearings.**

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1 (f) For any hearing required or authorized for
2 proceedings under W.S. 7-3-506 through 7-3-512, the
3 petitioner or other party to the hearing may petition the
4 court to appear at the hearing by remote means. The court
5 may, in its discretion, grant the petition for remote
6 appearance at the hearing, provided that the court is
7 equipped with appropriate audio or video technology to
8 allow the petitioner or other party to fully participate in
9 the hearing.

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11 **35-21-103. Petition for order of protection;**
12 **contents; prerequisites; counsel to be provided**
13 **petitioners; award of costs and fees; remote appearance at**
14 **hearings.**

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16 (j) For any hearing required or authorized for
17 proceedings under this act, the petitioner or other party
18 to the hearing may petition the court to appear at the
19 hearing by remote means. The court may, in its discretion,
20 grant the petition for remote appearance at the hearing,
21 provided that the court is equipped with appropriate audio
22 or video technology to allow the petitioner or other party
23 to fully participate in the hearing.

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2 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
3 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
4 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
5 Constitution.

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