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NOTE: This section adds a new chapter 14 to 19 GCA. The Compiler has renumbered §§1400-1405 as §§14101-14106, in compliance with the GCA numbering scheme.

§ 14101. Definitions.

Terms used in this Chapter shall have the same meaning as set forth in 9 GCA Chapter 30.

§ 14102. Effect of Action by Petitioner or Respondent on Order.

(a) If a respondent is excluded from the residence of a petitioner or ordered to stay away from the petitioner, any communication initiated by the petitioner does not waive or nullify a restraining order.

(b) The preceding sentence shall be printed on each such order.

§ 14103. Denial of Relief Prohibited.

The Court shall not deny a petitioner injunctive relief for protection from family violence solely because of a lapse of time between an act of family violence and the filing of the petition.

§ 14104. Court Costs and Fees.

Fees for filing and service of process must *not* be charged for any proceeding seeking injunctive relief for protection from family violence.

§ 14105. Registration and Enforcement of Foreign Orders for Protection; Duties of Court Clerk.

(a) A certified copy of an order for protection or restraining order issued in another state may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court. The Clerk shall act upon the order in the same manner as the clerk acts upon an order for protection or restraining order issued by the Superior

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Court.

(b) Any valid protection order related to abuse, or domestic or family violence, issued by a court of another state, tribe, territory or commonwealth of the United States, and filed in accordance with Subsection (a) shall be afforded full faith and credit by the courts of Guam and enforced as if it were issued on Guam, pursuant to the Violence Against Women Act, 18 U.S.C. §2265.

(c) The Clerk of the Superior Court shall:

(1) maintain a registry in which to enter certified orders for protection or restraining orders issued in other states that are received for filing; and

(2) at the request of a court of another state or at the request of a person who is affected by or has a legitimate interest in an order for protection, certify and forward a copy of the order to that court or person at no cost to the requesting party.

§ 14106. State Registry for Protection.

(a) The Superior Court shall maintain a registry of all orders for protection and restraining orders issued by the Court, or issued by a court from another state, tribe, territory or commonwealth of the United States and registered in this Court. The orders must be included in the registry within twenty-four (24) hours after issuance or registration.

The information contained in the registry is available at all times to a court, a law enforcement agency and other governmental agency upon request.
