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50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC AFFAIRS; ALLOWING ALLEGED VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE TO OBTAIN RELEVANT PHOTOGRAPHS WITHOUT COST; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PROTECTION ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 40-13-3.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1995, Chapter 176, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"40-13-3.1. FORBEARANCE OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DOMESTIC ABUSE OFFENSES.--

A. An alleged victim of domestic abuse shall not be required to bear the cost of:

(1) the prosecution of a misdemeanor or felony offense arising out of an incident of domestic abuse, including costs associated with filing a criminal charge against the alleged perpetrator of the abuse;

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1	(2) the filing, issuance or service of a
2	warrant;
3	(3) the filing, issuance or service of a
4	witness subpoena;
5	(4) the filing, issuance or service of a
6	petition for an order of protection;
7	(5) the filing, issuance or service of an
8	order of protection; or
9	(6) obtaining law enforcement reports <u>or</u>
10	photographs or copies of photographs relating to the alleged
11	abuse or pattern of abuse.
12	B. No witness fee shall be charged where prohibited
13	by federal law."
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