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- 1 **Violation of an order for protection.** Amends the statute making it a misdemeanor to violate a domestic abuse order for protection. Specifies that the person must know of "the existence of" the order in order to constitute a violation. Previous law required the individual to know of the order. Specifies that if the order has not been served, the officer must immediately serve the order whenever reasonably safe and possible to do so. Provides that an order for purposes of this subdivision includes a short form order.
Clarifies that when an order is initially served on a person who is in a place where the order prohibits him or her from being, the person cannot be arrested without being given the opportunity to leave.
- 2 **Violation of a domestic abuse no contact order.** Amends the no contact order statute. Specifies that the person must know of "the existence of" the order in order to constitute a violation. Previous law required the individual to know of the order.
- 3 **Effective date.** August 1, 2002, for crimes committed on or after that date.