

TITLE 8: FAMILY LAW AND PROBATE
DIVISION 1: DOMESTIC RELATIONS

§ 1901. Construction.

The Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Act of 1998 shall be construed to promote:

- (a) the protection and safety of all victims of domestic or family violence in a fair, prompt, and effective manner; and
- (b) the prevention of future violence in all families.

Source: PL 12-19, § 2 (101).

Commission Comment: PL 12-19, which took effect September 20, 2000, repealed the “Family Protection Act” (codified as 8 CMC § 1221 et seq.). Contained within PL 12-19 were the following title, repealer, severability, and savings clause provisions:

Section 1. Title. This bill may be cited as the “Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Act of 2000.”

Section 3. Repealer. 8 CMC Div. 1, Chapter 2, Article 2, (8 CMC 1221-1233) is hereby repealed. This Act is intended to compliment, not supersede 6 CMC 5311-6107.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.