
Emergency Rules

Title 15—ELECTED OFFICIALS
Division 30—Secretary of State
Chapter 70—Safe at Home: Address Confidentiality Program

EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

15 CSR 30-70.010 Definitions. The secretary of state's office is amending sections (5) and (12).

PURPOSE: This amendment is filed to expand the list of survivors eligible for participation in the "Address Confidentiality Program" of the Office of the Secretary of State to include the survivors of human trafficking pursuant to HCS HB 1562 enacted by the Ninety-eighth General Assembly effective August 28, 2016.

EMERGENCY STATEMENT: This emergency amendment is necessary to address statutory sections amended in HCS HB 1562, specifically sections 589.660 and 589.663, RSMo, which become effective August 28, 2016. This legislation expanded the list of victims who are eligible to participate in the "Address Confidentiality Program" administered by the Office of the Secretary of State to include human trafficking. The "Address Confidentiality Program" seeks to serve those who have been affected by human trafficking and need protection as they relocate to safety. As such, the Office of the Missouri Secretary of State finds a compelling governmental interest to be consistent with the legislation and expand the list of victims eligible to participate to include the victims of human trafficking which requires this emergency action. The scope of this emergency amendment is limited to the circumstances creating the emergency and complies with the protections extended in the *Missouri and United States Constitutions*. The Office of the Secretary of State believes that this emergency amendment is fair to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances. This emergency amendment was filed September 9, 2016, becomes effective September 19, 2016, and expires March 17, 2017.

(5) Application assistant—An employee of a state or local agency, or of a nonprofit program that provides counseling, referral, shelter, or other specialized service to victims of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, **human trafficking**, or stalking and who has been designated by the respective agency or program, and who has been trained and registered by the secretary of state to assist individuals in the completion of the Safe at Home Program participation applications.

(12) Qualified agency—A state or local agency or nonprofit program that provides counseling, referral, shelter, or other specialized service to victims of domestic abuse, rape, sexual assault, **human trafficking**, or stalking.

AUTHORITY: section 589.681, RSMo Supp. [2007] 2013. Emergency rule filed Aug. 17, 2007, effective Aug. 28, 2007, expired Feb. 28, 2008. Original rule filed Aug. 17, 2007, effective Feb. 29, 2008. Emergency amendment filed Sept. 9, 2016, effective Sept. 19, 2016, expires March 17, 2017. An emergency amendment and a proposed amendment covering this same material will be published in the October 17, 2016, issue of the *Missouri Register*.