

508.022 Certain assault convictions operate as applications for protective orders.

- (1) The entering of a judgment of conviction for assault in the first degree or assault in the second degree, or for a felony criminal attempt, conspiracy, facilitation, or solicitation to commit assault in the first degree or assault in the second degree, shall operate as an application for an order of protection issued under KRS Chapter 403 or an interpersonal protective order issued under KRS Chapter 456, as applicable, if the relationship between the defendant and the victim meets the definition of:
 - (a) Family member or member of an unmarried couple as defined in KRS 403.720; or
 - (b) Dating relationship as defined in KRS 456.010;unless the victim requests otherwise.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of KRS Chapter 403 or 456, as applicable:
 - (a) An order of protection or an interpersonal protective order requested under this section may be issued by the court that entered the judgment of conviction;
 - (b) The judgment of conviction shall constitute sufficient cause for entry of the order without the necessity of further proof being taken; and
 - (c) The order may be effective for up to ten (10) years, with further renewals in increments of up to ten (10) years.

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