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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 502 Session of  
2017

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INTRODUCED BY MCGARRIGLE, KILLION, BARTOLOTTA, COSTA, HUGHES,  
MENSCH, RAFFERTY, RESCHENTHALER AND VULAKOVICH,  
MARCH 28, 2017

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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MARCH 28, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in protection from abuse, further  
3 providing for relief.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 6108(e)(1) of Title 23 of the  
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6108. Relief.

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10 (e) Extension of protection orders.--

11 (1) An extension of a protection order may be granted:

12 (i) Where the court finds, after a duly filed  
13 petition, notice to the defendant and a hearing, in  
14 accordance with the procedures set forth in sections 6106  
15 and 6107, that the defendant committed one or more acts  
16 of abuse subsequent to the entry of the final order or  
17 that the defendant engaged in a pattern or practice that  
18 indicates continued risk of harm to the plaintiff or

1 minor child.

2 (ii) When a contempt petition or charge has been  
3 filed with the court or with a hearing officer in  
4 Philadelphia County, but the hearing has not occurred  
5 before the expiration of the protection order, the order  
6 shall be extended, at a minimum, until the disposition of  
7 the contempt petition and may be extended for another  
8 term beyond the disposition of the contempt petition.

9 (iii) When the defendant is or was incarcerated and  
10 will be released from custody in the next 90 days or has  
11 been released from custody within the past 90 days. The  
12 plaintiff shall not be required to show that the  
13 defendant engaged in a new act that indicates a continued  
14 risk of harm to the plaintiff.

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16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.