
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY HOWARD, ZABEL, KINSEY, HOHENSTEIN, KULIK,
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INNAMORATO, SCHLOSSBERG, KRUEGER, THOMAS, DELLOSO, CIRESI AND
T. DAVIS, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and
2 Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
3 Statutes, in protection from abuse, further providing for
4 relief; and, in protection of victims of sexual violence or
5 intimidation, further providing for relief.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 6108(a)(6) of Title 23 of the
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

10 § 6108. Relief.

11 (a) General rule.--Subject to subsection (a.1), the court
12 may grant any protection order or approve any consent agreement
13 to bring about a cessation of abuse of the plaintiff or minor
14 children. The order or agreement may include:

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16 (6) Prohibiting the defendant from having any contact
17 with the plaintiff or minor children, including, but not
18 limited to, restraining the defendant from entering the place

1 of employment or business or school of the plaintiff or minor
2 children and from harassing the plaintiff or plaintiff's
3 relatives or minor children. For purposes of this subsection,
4 the term "harassment" shall include, but not be limited to,
5 contact, attempts to contact in person, by phone, e-mail or
6 social media, including following or requests to follow
7 public web pages, or knowingly attending events where the
8 victim will be in attendance.

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10 Section 2. Section 62A07(b)(1) of Title 42 is amended to
11 read:

12 § 62A07. Relief.

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14 (b) General rule.--An order or a consent agreement may
15 include:

16 (1) Prohibiting the defendant from having any contact
17 with the victim, including, but not limited to, restraining
18 the defendant from entering the victim's residence, place of
19 employment, business or school. This may include prohibiting
20 contact, attempts to contact in person, by phone, e-mail or
21 social media, including following or requests to follow
22 public web pages, or knowingly attending events where the
23 victim will be in attendance, and indirect contact through
24 third parties and also prohibiting direct or indirect contact
25 with other designated persons.

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27 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.