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HOUSE BILL DRH40190-ND-117

Short Title: Ensure Same-Sex Domestic Violence Prot. Order. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Butler.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ENSURE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS ARE AVAILABLE
3 FOR SAME-SEX COUPLES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 50B-1(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) For purposes of this section, the term "personal relationship" means a relationship
7 wherein the parties ~~involved;~~involved either:

- 8 (1) Are current or former ~~spouses;~~spouses.
- 9 (2) Are persons ~~of opposite sex~~ who live together or have lived ~~together;~~together.
- 10 (3) Are related as parents and children, including others acting in loco parentis to
11 a minor child, or as grandparents and grandchildren. For purposes of this
12 subdivision, an aggrieved party may not obtain an order of protection against
13 a child or grandchild under the age of ~~16;~~16.
- 14 (4) Have a child in ~~common;~~common.
- 15 (5) Are current or former household ~~members;~~members.
- 16 (6) Are persons ~~of the opposite sex~~ who are in a dating relationship or have been
17 in a dating relationship. For purposes of this subdivision, a dating relationship
18 is one wherein the parties are romantically involved over time and on a
19 continuous basis during the course of the relationship. A casual acquaintance
20 or ordinary fraternization between persons in a business or social context is
21 not a dating relationship."

22 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to domestic
23 violence protective orders issued on or after that date.

