



# HOUSE BILL 615: Jordan's Law.

**This Bill Analysis  
reflects the contents  
of the bill as it was  
presented in  
committee.**

2021-2022 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Judiciary. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	June 7, 2022
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Rep. Davis	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Robert Ryan
<b>Analysis of:</b>	PCS to Third Edition H615-CSCE-32		Staff Attorney

**OVERVIEW:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute for House Bill 615 would allow a court to temporarily extend a domestic violence order of protection if a court date to consider the extension has been set after the expiration date on the order.*

*The PCS for House Bill 615 removes the contents of the previous edition of House Bill 615 and inserts the contents of Senate Bill 836.*

### CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS:

Chapter 50B of the General Statutes governs domestic violence and provides the remedies available to victims of domestic violence.

G. S. 50B-3 provides the relief available to a victim of domestic violence including an order of protection. Orders of protection are for a fixed time: initially one year, but the order can be renewed up to two years (except for a temporary award of custody, which may not be renewed beyond the maximum one-year period.) The aggrieved party may file a motion before the expiration of the current order to renew the order for a fixed period not to exceed two years. The court may renew a protective order for good cause.

Under current law, if the aggrieved party files a motion to renew the order before the expiration of the order, but the court date to consider that request is not set until after the expiration of the order, then the order would not be in place during the period between those two dates. The PCS for House Bill 615 would allow the court to temporarily renew the current order to bridge the gap between those two dates by extending the order to the date of the renewal hearing, or 30 days from the date the current order is set to expire, whichever occurs first.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act becomes effective December 1, 2022, and applies to pending motions to review filed before, on, or after that date.

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